THE WEATHER

Fair tonight; Tuesday generally fair; slowly rising temperature; variable winds.

# THE LOWELL SUN

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# French Victory on Italian Front

## M'ADOO ACTS TO RELIEVE N. E. COAL SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Immediate measures will be taken to relieve the coal shortage in New England and in New York, Director-General McAdoo announced today. Orders, he said, will be issued before night giving to coal shipments preferential movement.

As a result of the conference with the director-general yesterday heads of agencies aiding in government operation of the railroads were ready with plans to bring about a speedy movement of fuel into the affected areas. Greater use of the water routes into New England from Hampton Roads probably will be made.

In addition to affecting a freer movement of coal the treatment of labor questions will be one of the chief problems to be dealt with by the director-general. While settlement of the demands for 40 per cent increase in wages is not looked for at this time, officials believe the government soon will consider favorably a plan for better pay.

Legislation for guaranteeing railroads compensation on the basis of pre-war earnings is expected to get under way in congress this week. President Wilson will probably go before congress Thursday with his recommendations along this line.

### Discuss Raise in Pay

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Plans for raising the pay of the rank and file of railway workers and reducing some of the very high salaries paid to executive officials were discussed today at a conference between Director-General McAdoo and the federal board of mediation and conciliation. The board now has before it the pending demands for wage increases, ranging as high as 40 per cent for the four great brotherhoods.

It has been well known for some time that the government was disposed to grant some increase and the railroad men in turn have given their word they will not attempt a strike while the government is taking hold of the railroad situation.

### Railroad Investigation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Investigation of the railroad situation was resumed by the senate interstate commerce committee today with Chairman Hall of the interstate commerce commission explaining data showing the financial condition and expenditures of the carriers.

## BRITAIN TO REPLY TO PEACE OFFER

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Manchester Guardian says it is the intention of the British government, when the Austro-German terms of peace are presented officially, to return a serious and reasoned reply. Premier Lloyd George has arranged to visit France, according to the newspaper to confer with Premier Clemenceau on this subject.

### NO SUN TOMORROW

Tomorrow being a legal holiday The Sun will suspend publication of all editions. All news of the holiday will be covered in Wednesday's editions.

## NEW HIGH RECORD IN AMERICA'S EXPORTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—America's exports were estimated today at the department of commerce to have passed the $6,000,000,000 mark in 1917, a new high record. Imports were less than $3,000,000,000 and the trade balance in favor of the United States probably will be more than $3,150,000,000.

## SEES SECESSION OF LOWER CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Fielding J. Stilson, a Los Angeles capitalist, announced here today that he had been advised that he was to be appointed "diplomatic representative to Washington" of Gov. Estaban Cantu of Lower California. "I believe," he said, "this foreshadows the secession of Lower California from Mexico."

Mr. Stilson refused to discuss his announcement further than to say that he was to meet here today a personal representative of Cantu and expected to receive from him confirmation of his appointment.

### ALL MINES IN OPERATION

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 31.—Although the temperature was 10 degrees below zero in the Lehigh field this morning all of the mines were in operation. Coal officials estimate that the weather has caused a reduction of 50 per cent. due to slow movement of cars and machinery.

### ELECTION ACCOUNTS

Representative Victor F. Jewett has filed a statement with the city clerk to the effect that there was nothing paid or promised during his campaign for election. Commissioner James E. Donnelly, according to his report filed, expended the sum of $222.40 for his election.

## First Offensive Move on the Italian Front by French Results in Big Gain

### British Regain Ground Lost on Western Front—British Government to Make a "Serious and Seasoned Reply" to Peace Offer

The Austro-German lines on the Italian mountain front felt the shock yesterday of a French infantry blow and were shaken if not broken, by the impact.

**Berlin Admits Success for French**

The French stroke was delivered on the easterly end of the mountain line, near its junction with the Piave, the assault being directed at Monte Tomba. The attacking columns broke into the enemy defenses on the mountain at some points and apparently made good their hold, as Berlin admits a penetration of portions of the Tomba positions.

**Counter Measures Against French**

The Austrian official statement makes the French victory appear even more siginificant as it announces the preparation of "counter measures" against the French. This expression has previously been used in statements from the Teutonic side in initial announcements on occasions when striking successes have been scored by the enemy forces.

Both French and British troops have been for some time aiding the Italians in holding their present front, their activity having been almost entirely of the defensive order, however. Yesterday's attack was the first offensive move by the French on this front, so far as the official statements have shown.

**British Regain Ground**

Field Marshal Haig has very nearly made good his loss of ground in Sunday's local attack by the Germans on the southern end of the Cambrai salient, which resulted in the British front line being entered on both wings in a two mile engagement.

Prompt counter attacks deprived the Germans of a portion of their gains. Last night, the counter move was effectively continued and today found the more important part of the positions on Welsh Ridge which had been in dispute, again in British hands.

**British to Reply to Peace Offer**

On the peace side of the day's news, perhaps the most interesting announcement is that made by an important English provincial newspaper to the effect that the British government will make a serious and reasoned reply to the Austro-German terms of peace when they are officially presented. Conferences on the subject will be held between Premier Lloyd-George and Premier Clemenceau of France, the British premier visiting France for this purpose, the newspaper declares.

**Germans Raid Padua**

German airplanes again have raided Padua, much damage being done to monuments and buildings. Another advance along the Nablus road, north of Jerusalem has been made by the British forces in Palestine. Against stubborn Turkish resistance the British progressed three miles and captured Bireh, ancient Beeroth and three other towns. Progress also was made between the Nablus road and the Mediterranean coast.

**Peace Celebrations in Petrograd**

In Petrograd Sunday the day was given over to peace celebrations, marked by parades of Bolshevik followers. Members of the German and Austrian peace delegations were spectators of the parades. The heads of the German and Austrian delegations to the Brest-Litovsk conference, Dr. von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin, are returning to their respective capitals. Delayed despatches from Brest-Litovsk indicate that while the representatives of Russia and the central powers agree on most of the peace terms there is difficulty in the preliminary settlement of the question concerning German retirement from occupied Russian territory in order to give the inhabitants opportunity to decide their future for themselves.

**Kronstadt Fort Blown Up**

One of the forts at Kronstadt, the naval base near Petrograd has been blown up by an explosion, according to a despatch received in London. Bessarabia and Turkestan are reported to have declared their independence while fighting between the Bolsheviki and their opponents is reported to be going on in Harbin and Irkutsk, Siberia. General Kaledines has been re-elected hetman of the Don Cossacks by an overwhelming majority.

## Great Suffering Throughout Country Caused by Most Severe Cold Wave on Record

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—New England was still suffering today from the most severe cold wave ever officially recorded in this section. In this city the temperature remained below zero all night, and to make matters worse the dawn brought a stiff northwest wind. The minimum was 8 below and at 8 a. m. it had risen only 3 degrees.

Plumbers and water department employes were kept on the run answering appeals from householders whose water pipes were frozen. Many fires were started by the bursting of hot-water fronts in stoves.

**Fuel Situation Serious**

In many districts the poor were faced with the danger of actual freezing in their homes. The scarcity of coal has forced them to buy in small quantities and as the coal yards were closed yesterday there was no opportunity for them to replenish their exhausted supplies. Municipal and charitable officials co-operated with coal dealers today in an effort to meet all needs.

The fuel situation in general remained serious. No coal arrived in the city yesterday and it was feared that the cold weather would result in great delay to supplies known to be on the way by rail and water.

**62 Below in Vermont**

New England's carefully preserved records of the cold spells of the past

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## NEW YEAR'S EVE IN LOWELL

Lowell will observe New Year's day tomorrow as a legal holiday for the second time.

No elaborate program has been arranged for the day itself but there will be a lot doing in the down town section of the city tonight, New Year's eve, and despite the war, cold weather, heatless days and other petty annoyances, the Spindle City's sons and daughters will make the passing of the old year anything but a sombre occasion. The hotels will have special programs for the evening—and morning—and the combination of good food, lively entertainment and general sociability will make the eating places scenes of pleasure this evening.

The theatres will offer special programs and some of them have arranged to give a performance late in the evening so that the audience will usher in the New Year while attending the theatre.

In many of the churches watch services will be held this evening and it is expected that the New Year will be ushered in with the customary ringing of chimes. A number of New Year's eve parties have been arranged here in the city and soldiers from Ayer have been invited to attend. It is not expected that there will be many of the uniformed men in town tonight because of their inability to get passes, for one reason, and also because of the fact that a number of good times have been arranged within the confines of the cantonment and these will serve to keep a large number of the men "at home."

One of these parties which is of special interest to Lowell is to be given by the Hartford council of the Knights of Columbus in honor of the ladies of the K. of C. guild of Lowell. The ladies of this guild have been going to the cantonment every Wednesday for the past several weeks for the purpose of doing sewing, mending, etc., for the men at the camp. Their services have been greatly appreciated and the soldiers wished to express their thanks in a tangible form.

As a result the Hartford, Conn. council suggested the idea of a New Year's eve party for the good women of the Spindle City to be given in one of the company's barracks at Camp Devens. The idea was taken up readily by the C. D. men and the outcome was that the members of the local knitting guild received an invitation to visit the camp as the guests of the Hartford Knights. Incidentally each lady was asked to bring along a number of her friends.

The local ladies "took up" the chance and it is expected that between 200 and 250 local knitters and their friends will leave the city at 6.45 this evening on two special cars for Ayer. Supper will be served and later in the evening dancing and an entertainment will be enjoyed.

The observance of New Year's day itself tomorrow will be comparatively quiet. In the Catholic churches of the city the usual New Year services will be held and in many of the Protestant churches the occasion will be appropriately observed.

There will not be a great many soldiers in town tomorrow because very few leaves have been granted "up there." But as in the case of Christmas day, there will be plenty going on at the cantonment to keep the boys interested.

The local clubs and social organizations will keep open house in the majority of cases. At the Y.M.C.A. and Knights of Columbus rooms men in uniform who are fortunate enough to get into the city will be entertained. The Mathews will keep open house and in the afternoon the married members of the institute will bowl the single men at Kittredge's alleys.

The customary legal holiday suspension of industrial and business activity will take place. The department stores will be open as usual this evening.

### FUNERAL NOTICE

DAGGETT—The funeral of Mrs. May A. Daggett will take place Wednesday morning at 8.15 o'clock from her late home, 94 Twelfth street. Solemn high mass of requiem at St. Michael's church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery, in charge of Funeral Director James W. McKenna.

## PRESENT COLD SPELL IS RECORD SMASHER

Lowell felt a little more sociable today, the third of her cold spell, and with rising temperatures and optimistic assurances from the weather man of better things to come, the city tried to smile despite zero readings

The backbone of the frigid visitor has been broken and it is expected that Mr. Boreas will depart this evening with the rest of the troubles which friend 1917 have given the Spindle City and other places during the past 365 breathing spells.

If one wished to be pessimistic he might begin this story by recounting the "minimum readings" of various places in and about the city early this morning. But that will wait until later. This noon Uncle Dudley's tube, which may be called a rapid transit tube because of its actions during the past few days, registered 3 above. This was the height of sublimity for the past few days.

The Locks and Canals thermometer was 6 above at noon and this may be taken as a sure sign that a "heat wave" is about due. The minimum temperature of the L. and C. people today was 15 below but that was in the dark ages of early morning.

As for yesterday—well, it was a little chilly. The lowest mark reported in Lowell proper was at the pumping station on the boulevard where 24 below was the best the mercury could obtain at one time. In Merrimack square 18 below was the minmium figure and at the Pawtucket dam 20 underneath was the limit.

In the surrounding towns, however, the weather sharps were more generous in their estimates and a number of "strictly accurate" thermometers registered anywhere from 16 to 32 below.

But why worry about Sunday. A new year is coming. A northwest wind has been in evidence in "these parts" for the past few days but the weather man says that this element will soon be sent back to his habitat and the new visitors are announced as variable winds. There was the usual suffering yesterday that always attends a cold spell but there were few extreme cases reported. However, not a few individuals realized yesterday that they possessed such appendages as ears, toes and fingertips.

Yesterday was the coldest day which Lowell has experienced since Jan. 19, 1887 according to the records of the Locks and Canals. On that remote date the thermometer at Pawtucket dam registered 24 below while yesterday's minimum mark was a mere 20 below. On Jan. 24, 1857, 21 degrees below was registered at this same spot. With the exception of these two dates yesterday, Dec. 30, 1917, was the coldest day experienced in Lowell since 1848 or in other words for the past 69 years.

Some of the other cold days recorded in Locks and Canals records are Jan. 30, 1854 when 18 below was recorded; Jan. 8, 1878, 19 below and Jan. 5 and 6, 1904 when 18 was the low mark.

## GEN. CROZIER REPLIES TO COL. LEWIS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The senate war inquiry again was turned to the ordnance situation when Maj. Gen. Crozier was permitted to take the stand again today to reply to recent statements made by Col. Isaac Lewis, inventor of the Lewis machine gun.

Col. Lewis testified that Gen. Crozier prevented the acceptance of the Lewis gun in 1911 and 1912 when it had been favored by Gen. Wood, then chief of staff. He also told the committee more recent attempts had been blocked by Gen. Crozier.

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## MINERS KILLED BY EXPLOSION

SCRANTON, Dec. 31.—Many miners are reported killed by a gas explosion in the Underwood mine of the Pennsylvania Coal Co., near Throop, about six miles from this city. Company officials are silent and information is vague. At noon 17 men, some dead and some alive were taken from the mine.

## MILITARY HONORS FOR LOWELL MAN

Lieut. George C. Wilkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Wilkins, of 16 Ware street, and formerly stationed at Camp Devens with the 301st Machine Gun battalion, left Lowell today for Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he will attend a machine gun school for the next few months.

Lieut. Wilkins has been chosen as the officer to represent the 76th division of the National Army and the honor is one of the highest that could be given to a young man.

LIEUT. GEORGE C. WILKINS

The Lowell boy is well known in this city especially in military circles. In high school he was colonel of the regiment and later he attended Harvard university and was a prominent member of the Reserve Officers' Training corps at the Cambridge institution.

Last summer he attended the Plattsburg training camp and was successful in obtaining a first lieutenant's commission. He was assigned to Camp Devens and has been very successful during his term of service at the Ayer cantonment.

Lieut. Wilkins will report in Oklahoma on Jan. 4th. The school will probably last two or three months.

The Public

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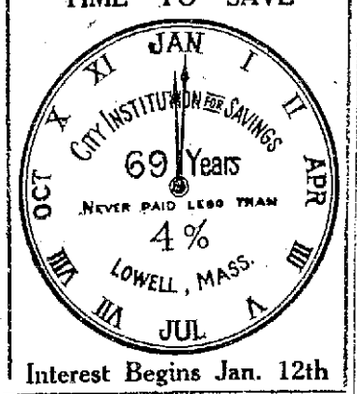


Interest Begins Jan. 12th

Chalifoux'S CORNER

NONE OF US TOO WISE

This store is a Mutual Improvement Society for all who live under its roof. Our employes delight to have their company manners with them at work every day as well as at their homes. None of us is too wise, but everyone by observation and practice can be good mannered.

The close relationship and good feeling between the public and ourselves is one of the strongest factors we know of for broadening our wisdom. This encourages us to be more industrious, and the more industry this store develops to attain that end, the more power, happiness and prosperity will be the reward of our earnest endeavor to listen to the wise counsels of the public we serve.

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This is Last day of Year.
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Dinner at 8 P. M.

$2.00 a Plate

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Don't miss a good time.

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Some Frenchman said that our vices are our virtues carried to excess.

At the bottom of every vice you will find an abused virtue.

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30 laborers. Come ready to work. Your pay every night if you need it. Apply to Martin J. Quinn, 937 Gorham St., opposite Moore St.

NOTICE!

The Lowell Normal School will reopen on Monday, January 7, 1917. (Signed)
JOHN J. MAHONEY, Prin.

# EARTHQUAKE KILLS 1000 IN GUATEMALA CITY

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—An estimate of 1000 persons dead in the earthquake ruins at Guatemala City, is contained in a telegram received here from the Central and South American Telegraph company's manager at San Jose, Guatemala, who returned to San Jose from Guatemala City yesterday afternoon.

**City Laid in Ruins**

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 31—Guatemala City, capital of the Republic of Guatemala, has been destroyed by an earthquake.

Many persons were killed.

The Colon theatre, which was filled with people, collapsed. Many persons in the audience were killed or injured.

Various hospitals and asylums and the prisons were damaged seriously and many patients and prisoners were killed.

The railroad station, the sugar mills, the postoffice, the American and British legations, the United States consulate and all the churches have been leveled.

Deep fissures opened in the middle of the city.

The inhabitants, in panic, have fled from the capital. More than 80,000 persons are homeless. The stock of provisions in the city is scant and aid is required promptly.

The Salvadorean government has suspended the official New Year celebration and entered into mourning, in sympathy with Gutemala.

Earthquakes have been prevalent in Guatemala since the day after Christmas, when shocks were general throughout the republic. With each recurrent shock the damage in Guatemala City, the capital of the republic, has become more extensive. Thursday, it was reported that from 10 to 40 persons had been killed in the disturbance of the previous night, while dispatches Friday and Saturday indicated that 80 per cent of Guatemala City had been demolished and that thousands of persons were homeless. Martial law had been declared and good order was said to prevail.

Guatemala has been the scene of many disasters, the results of earthquakes. Since the settlement of that country in 1522, there have been more than 50 volcanic eruptions and excess of 300 earthquakes.

The original Guatemala City was destroyed in 1541 and 3000 of the inhabitants were killed by a deluge of water from a nearby volcano, which was rent by an earthquake. The second capital was destroyed by an earthquake in 1773. The houses of the present capital were built low, in consequence of the liability to earthquakes.

Guatemala City has a population of nearly 100,000. It is situated on a plain at an elevation of 4850 feet above sea level. In the great square stood the old Vice Regal palace, the cathedral and archbishop's palace and government offices. The capital is in the center of the trade of the entire republic. The chief industries of the country are the manufacture of muslins, cotton yarns of fine texture, articles of silver and embroideries.

**Report 125,000 Homeless**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Guatemala City, capital of the little Central American republic of Guetemala, has been laid in ruins by a series of earthquakes, beginning Christmas day and culminating Saturday night in violent shocks, which completed the work of destruction.

A cablegram to the navy department yesterday said 125,000 persons were in the streets without shelter and that a number were killed by falling walls.

Naval vessels in Central American waters have been ordered to the stricken city to give all possible assistance.

Following is the brief dispatch which contained the news of the catastrophe:

"Bad earthquake, Saturday, finished the work of others. Everything in ruins and beyond description as a result of Saturday night's shock. One hundred and twenty-five persons are in the streets. Parts of the country are very cold and windy. Tents are needed badly. Quite a number killed Saturday by falling walls."

The shocks probably occurred between 5.57 and 7 o'clock Saturday night. Violent quakes were recorded at that time by the seismographs of the Georgetown university observatory and the distance was estimated at 1900 miles from Washington.

**Aid to Stricken City**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Still without detailed information of the earthquakes which destroyed Guatemala City, costing many lives and leaving a hundred thousand homeless, American officials today prepared to send aid to the stricken sister republic. Further reports were awaited from American Minister Leavell and Consul Fee.

Red Cross officials conferred with navy officials as to the supplies to be sent forward on American warships ordered to a Guatemalan seaport.

## GREAT SUFFERING

Continued

47 years went to smash yesterday.

The mercury sank to unheard-of depths, reaching the lowest spot of its recorded career between 5 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Then, inspired by the sun, it "came back" for some hours, only to hit the downward path again late in the afternoon. At last reports it was still sliding.

All New England suffered. Bays and rivers were frozen solid; train service was delayed; trolley service in some sections still more delayed; hospitals were rushed with cases of frostbite; Police departments worked overtime caring one way or another for the inadequately sheltered; some churches abandoned their services and in others held services in the chapels and vestries; fire alarms sounded almost continuously.

The old year is dying hard and its last days will be remembered by the people of New England. Its very last moments should be slightly more comfortable, for the official forecast is snow tonight or early tomorrow, with, of course, a rising temperature.

Temperatures yesterday morning varied greatly in different sections of New England. Places in Vermont reported 62 below, 60 below and 40 below zero. Greater Boston's official low temperature was 14 degrees below, from 5 to 8 o'clock yesterday morning, but neighboring places reported it from 16 to 20 below.

**Almost 100 Treated at Hospitals**

Boston's policemen were cautioned early Saturday night to bring to the station houses anyone, whether or not under the influence of liquor, who seemed in danger of freezing, and last night supplementary orders were issued to take care of any needy families suffering because of the extreme cold.

Supt. Michael H. Crowley and Fire Commissioner Grady, at the recommendation of Acting Mayor Donovan, issued orders for their men to make inquiries on their routes, and take any suffering persons to the nearest police and fire houses, and provide food and shelter for them.

Almost 100 persons were treated at the public hospitals of Boston for frost bitten noses, ears, fingers and limbs and the institutions of surrounding cities and towns did a proportionately large business. The fact that it was Sunday, and that most people were able to remain indoors undoubtedly kept the number of sufferers from being much larger.

That it was Sunday, too, was no less than a great benefit for the horses, which were kept in their stables for the most part, well blanketed and protected.

The Boston fire department did a record business, eclipsing its Fourth of July records for a number of years. During the day and early evening the firemen responded to no less than 75 alarms, every man in the department and every piece of apparatus being called into use.

Plumbers were kept on the go from midnight on, frozen water pipes being about the commonest thing in New England. In many cases the frozen pipes, being thawed by amateurs, or not being thawed at all, resulted in fires. In one case in Somerville, a frozen water jacket resulted in an explosion and a fire in which a mother and six children were badly burned.

**Relief In Sight**

When the temperature at Boston climbed to one degree below zero at 9.30 o'clock the weather bureau sent forth the cheering news that the crest of the cold wave had passed and that conditions more nearly approaching the mid-winter normal would prevail during the next few days. Reports from New England stations included: Portland, Me., 16 below; Concord, N. H., 16 below; Hartford, Conn., 14 below; Burlington, Vt., 24 below, while Nantucket Island registered 10 above.

**Great Suffering in New York**

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Nothing to indicate a moderation of the intense cold that has held the city in its grip for the last two days greeted shivering New Yorkers this morning. Not in 30 years has this city suffered as it did Saturday and yesterday.

At 6 a. m., today thermometers registered 7 degrees below zero while reports from outlying districts showed several degrees lower. Cold yesterday resulted in seven death while hundreds were treated at hospitals which report that there will have to be many amputations of frosted fingers, toes and ears.

Firemen in the metropolitan district experienced one of the hardest periods recorded by the fire department and early today the total number of fires had reached the 500 mark. While the majority of the fires resulted in little damage two were said to be of incendiary origin in an effort to hamper government work.

Below zero weather for two days resulting in private houses and apartments consuming thousands of tons of coal above their normal requirements has made such deep inroads in the surplus supply that today a coal famine is impending in this city. Across the Hudson river are thousands of tons of coal, but the severe weather made its transfer to distributors difficult.

Coal merchants kept their places open as relief stations all day yesterday and many of them all night, to accommodate applicants who were alloted amounts from 50 pounds to a quarter of a ton.

Coal teamsters have threatened a strike for higher wages. Reeve Schley, county fuel administrator, will meet the men today and seek to settle the difficulty by arbitration.

**City Distributes Coal**

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 31.—The city authorities, at the instance of the committee on public safety and local fuel board, today begun the distribution from the city yards of 35 tons of coal in 100 pound lots to families without fuel.

**Plants Closed! 20,000 Idle**

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 31.—About 20,000 munition workers in plants in this city are idle today because of the intense cold and lack of coal. Several plants closed entirely.

**Mattapoisett Bay Frozen**

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 31.—The prolonged cold weather has frozen up all the upper parts of Buzzards bay. Mattapoisett bay, for the first time in the memory of its residents, is frozen over as far out as the eye can see. Men went fishing through the ice today in Buzzards bay.

**Cold Wave Passing to Sea**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Some moderation, beginning tonight, of the cold wave, was forecast today by the weather bureau for the country from the Ohio valley eastward. The cold wave is now passing to sea.

The intense cold has not been equalled in the territory south of New York along the coast and inland since Dec. 30, 1880. There has already been a moderation of temperatures west of the Appalachian mountains and in the east Gulf states, although over a greater part of that region it is still colder than the seasonal average.

Canton, N. Y., reported the lowest temperature at 8 a. m., of any point in the country. It was 20 degrees below zero there. During the previous 24 hours the coldest was 40 degrees below zero at Northfield, Vt., according to weather bureau reports. Official temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning showed the below zero line to extend northward of Philadelphia and eastward of Buffalo. Philadelphia was at zero; New York and Boston 8 below; Albany and Portland 16 below.

**Ten Perish in New York**

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A lengthening death roll, a rapidly dwindling coal supply and weather bureau officials' predictions that the record breaking cold spell would keep the mercury hovering about the zero mark throughout the next 24 hours made winter's grip of New York and vicinity today a grim actuality. Ten persons had perished from the cold up to noon. Police stations, theatres, libraries, churches, charitable institutions and other places available for use as shelters have been converted into refuges for the city's hundreds of homeless and the thousands of poor among whom the suffering is most widespread. Meals were served to those sheltered in the various municipal lodging houses.

The thawing out of frozen water pipes and the use of oil heaters as substitutes for steam heat and gas stoves has resulted in an unprecedented number of fire alarms.

**Cotton Exchanged Closed**

The board of managers of the cotton exchange voted to close the exchange at noon. When trading began on the floor of the exchange today the thermometer there registered 44 degrees.

Residents of apartment houses in so-called exclusive residential sections and workers in the largest downtown office buildings were not exempt from hardships. Many furnaces were being stoked at only half their capacity in order to make available coal supplies last as long as possible.

Following out this policy, in some of the tallest buildings in lower Manhattan, suspended elevator service. Subway, elevated and surface car service was much delayed.

**PASTORS AND TEACHERS OF GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH PLEDGE LOYALTY TO UNITED STATES**

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 31.—At a meeting held at Seward, Neb., the pastors and teachers of the German Lutheran church in Nebraska of the Missouri synod adopted resolutions of loyalty to the United States and recommended the cessation of German language instruction in all parochial schools of the state for the duration of the war. One such school here will drop German instruction tomorrow.

**MASS NOTICE**

Anniversary mass Thursday morning, January 3, at 8 o'clock, at the Sacred Heart church for the repose of the soul of Thomas Scanlon.

## FUNERALS

MERCIER—The funeral of Victor Mercier took place this morning from the home of his parents, 38 Aiken avenue. High mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Louis' church at 8.45 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Labossiere. The bearers were Willie Couture, Eugene Gamache, Arthur Beauparlant, Toussaint Richard, Armand Aubry and Romeo Bisson. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in St. Joseph's cemetery. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Amedee Archambault & Sons.

DALLAIRE—The funeral of Miss Anna Dallaire took place this morning from her home, 20 Gershom avenue. Solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Jean Baptiste church at 9 o'clock by Rev. Julien Raccette, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Charles Denizot, O.M.I., as deacon and Rev. Eugene Turcotte, O.M.I., as sub deacon. The bearers were Alphee, Pierre and Severin Paquette, Pierre Dallaire, Romeo Salvail and Albini Drainville. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Nashua, under the direction of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

## MATRIMONIAL

Joseph R. Lefebvre and Miss Aurore Boisvert were married this morning at a nuptial mass celebrated at St. Joseph's rectory at 7 o'clock by Rev. Eugene Turcotte, O.M.I., pastor. The witnesses were Gedeon Boisvert and Joseph Ouellette.

**Deloge—Cote**

Joseph Napoleon Deloge and Miss Marie Elise Cote were married this morning at a nuptial mass celebrated at 8 o'clock at St. Joseph's rectory by Rev. Louis Bachand, O.M.I. The couple were attended by Joseph Roberge and Zoel St. Hilaire.

**Noel—Saucier**

At 8 o'clock at St. Joseph's church this morning Joseph Noel and Miss Marie Rose Saucier were married, the ceremony being performed at a nuptial mass celebrated by Rev. Armand Baron, O.M.I. The witnesses were Joseph Noel and Joseph Saucier.

**Leduc—Richard**

Armand Leduc and Miss Rose Richard were married this morning at a nuptial mass celebrated at St. Louis' church at 8 o'clock by Rev. F. X. Gauthier. The witnesses were Adrice Richard, father of the bride, and Philippe Leduc, a brother of the bridegroom. At the close of the ceremony a dinner and reception was held at the home of the bride's parents in Hamel place.

**NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM NATIONS ALLIED WITH THE UNITED STATES**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—New Year's greetings to the American people from the heads of several nations allied with the United States will appear in the New Year's edition of the official bulletin.

Among those already received are included greetings from King Peter of Serbia, President Guerra of Bolivia and President Viera of Uruguay.

**DANCE AT ASSOCIATE HALL**

Tonight a big time and dance are promised to all who attend the dance in Associate hall. All the old dances are to be reviewed and played by the famous Miner-Doyle orchestra. Remember tomorrow is a holiday. Come and dance tonight and rest tomorrow. The admission is 25 cents. A good time is in store for every one who will attend.

**SOLDIER GETS KIT BAG FROM LOWELL GIRL AND SENDS ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Miss Kathryn E. Harrington, of 127 Hildreth street, who, although but 13 years of age, has made many welcome gifts for soldiers, this morning received recognition from Private S. L. Dunn of the ordnance department at Fort Allan, R. I., who received a kit bag which she filled.

The recipient of the bag sent a post card with the following lines: "Many thanks for the Red Cross present I received from you. I was the lucky one to receive it and it was certainly very nice. Sincerely,

Private S. L. Dunn, Ordnance Dept., Fort Allan, R. I."

Private S. L. Dunn, Ordnance Dept., Fort Allen, R. I."

donor by sending her a handsomely embroidered handkerchief.

POCKETBOOK containing large sum of money lost between Central st., Lakeview ave. and Fayette st., Friday evening. Liberal reward if returned to 598 Central st.

# HOLY NAME SOCIAL AND DANCE WEDNESDAY

Everything is in readiness for the Holy Name social and dance which will be held in Associate hall Wednesday evening, Jan. 2. An efficient committee has busied itself working out the details of the event, and success seems assured. On the concert program will appear many attractive numbers. It is expected that the members of the Holy Name society, and their friends will co-operate in making the event one long to be remembered. The committee in charge is as follows:

President T. F. Rohan, general manager; Vice President William J. Pendergast, assistant manager; John T. McDermott, floor director; Stephen Shugrue, assistant floor director; Dominic Molloy, chief aid; assistant aids:

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| John Bolan | Patrick McGarrell |
| Geo. L. Campbell | John Stapleton |
| P. Cunningham | Timothy O'Sullivan |
| Robert Dalton | Walter Pouliot |
| Joseph Dineen | Richard Scannell |
| James Flannery | Ed. B. Connolly |
| Peter Gill | James Walsh |
| Daniel McCarthy | George Whelton |
| F. McGaraghan | William Ambrose |

ROLL OF HONOR—ARMY

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| John A. O'Brien | Edward Quinn |
| Stephen Griffin | William Quinn |
| Alvah H. Ayer | John Scully |
| Thomas Allen | Paul Spillane |
| Geo. F. Boland | David T. Sullivan |
| Jeremiah Cahill | William Usher |
| Eugene Dean | Daniel Brennan |
| Wm. Dineen | Curtis Garrity |
| John J. Donovan | John Graves |
| Edw. Flannery | Martin McCarthy |
| Eli Hart | John Neeson |
| Geo. H. Kelley | Fred Garrity |
| Thomas Delmore | Dr. P. J. Meehan |
| Ed. McEvoy | James O'Connor |
| Jos. McLaughlin | John O'Connor |
| John Mann | |

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| Walter F. Brown | John Halpin |
| J. D. Carmichael, Jr. | Arthur Looby |
| Jas. Dalton, Jr. | Patrick Molloy |
| Stephen Foley | Albert Parrott |
| Wm. Gallagher | Arthur Kerrigan, |

making a total of 41 members in the service.

Chairman reception committee, John J. Sullivan, assisted by members of the society.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF UNION STOCK YARDS SHOWS BIG INCREASE IN BUSINESS**

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Nearly 17,000 more cars of livestock were received at the Union Stock yards here during the first 11 months of 1917 than during the entire year of 1916, according to the annual report made public today by John A. Spoor, chairman of the directors of the Union Stock Yards and Transit company. The greatest increase came after mobilization of the National Guard and drafting of the national army, the report says.

The report states that a great increase has been made in the capacity of the yards since the United States entered the war, but gives no definite figures.

# NEW PLAN OF DIVIDING WORLD'S SERIES CASH

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A new system for dividing the money derived from the annual world's series was expected to be announced when B. B. Johnson, president of the American league and August Hermann, chairman of the National commission, met for a conference here today.

They were appointed at the recent joint conference here of American and National league club owners to devise such a plan.

Two suggestions along this line have been made. Herrmann is said to favor a system that would give a portion of the money to the first seven teams in each league, leaving only the club finishing last in the race without reward. Johnson is said to be willing to have the first four teams in each league share in the money. The theory of the change is that it will stimulate interest after the pennant winner has become known in each league, frequently some weeks before the close of the campaign.

# TO PREVENT RELAXATION OF CHILD LABOR LAWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Efforts of the National child labor committee to prevent relaxation of the child labor laws on the excuse of war time necessity have the endorsement of President Wilson. In a letter to the committee made public today the president declares that strict enforcement of the laws not only will contribute to preservation of life and health, but will tend to efficiency and economy of production.

"As the labor situation created by the war develops" wrote the president, "I am more interested than ever if that were possible in throwing the safeguards possible around labor of women and children in order that no intolerable or injurious burden may be placed upon them."

# EAT POTATOES EVERY DAY SAYS FOOD BOARD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—"Irish potato day" is being inaugurated by the food administration. Grocers and housewives have been asked to co-operate. Potatoes every day in the year on every table is the desire of the administration. This is said to be necessary as a war measure.

"The potato today is plentiful, cheap and the best substitute for food staples we are being asked to save for the allies, the army and the navy," says the food administration's announcement. It furnishes nourishment, bulk, mineral salts and a corrective alkalinity in the diet.

"Germany plants more than twice as many potatoes as the United States. Germany gets more than twice as many bushels per acre, and she eats three times as many potatoes. If we are going to win this war we must fight Germany man for man, shell for shell, potato for potato."

# LEGION OF DEATH GIRLS HERE FROM RUSSIA

Special to The Sun

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., December.—"Your occupation?" inquired the immigration inspector.

"Soldiers," answered the two girls with short cropped hair and windtanned faces.

"But you are so young"—incredulously.

"Not too young to fight for Russia!" they answered proudly, stiffening to a salute.

Forerunners of a reported general exodus of Russian girls out of Petrograd, Slyvia Kopkin, 15, and Eva Zalonz, 23, are the first members of the famous Legion of Death to reach the United States.

Terror, pride, patriotism and disillusionment commingled in their broken account of what it had meant to join the woman's fighting corps.

Miss Eva Zainoz, one of first two Russ "Death Battalion" girls to reach the United States.

While they had participated in no actual bloodletting on the battle line, the young Amazons had been caught in the swirl of violence that marked the downfall of Kerensky and the elevation of the Bolsheviki.

"Yes," said Miss Kopkin upon her arrival at San Francisco, "I was a member of what you call the 'Legion of Death.' But I don't wish to pose as a heroine. I carried a gun, drilled and did my duty as a daughter of Russia. That I saw no actual fighting was simply a turn of chance.

"I was in training for three months, with hundreds of other girls, who were anxious to see action. But my opportunity didn't come. Just think, I didn't get to kill one German. That is a great regret."

Miss Kopkin, frail, smiling, and weighing but 90 pounds, presented a striking contrast to her martial sentiments.

"Everyone fights in Russia," added Miss Zaionz, her comrade in arms, who is the older and larger. "I am tired now, and hope to get some rest in America.

"We could have done so much more for our country if our men had only taken us seriously. Russia will be reminded for many years of the tragedy of her woman's battalion—there are so many nice looking girls in Petrograd, Riga and the other cities who have an arm or a leg gone.

"Many of the girls in the fighting corps are preparing to leave Russia or have already done so. Kerensky sanctioned their flight from Petrograd when the reign of violence began.

"There is now no place for a woman's legion in my country, so I feel no lack of patriotism in getting away."

The Slav heroines have joined members of their family in the United States and plan to remain here until conditions become more settled in Russia.

Miss Kopkin will go to Philadelphia and Miss Zaionz to Brooklyn.

# AMERICANS KILL SIX MEXICAN BANDITS

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 31.—At least six Mexican bandits were killed in a fight between bandits and United States troops and Texas rangers on Saturday at San Jose, Mex., opposite the Indio ranch, which is 20 miles south of Eagle Pass, according to an official statement here yesterday at military headquarters. The Americans had crossed into Mexico on the trail of Mexican cattle thieves. There were no American casualties.

After the bandits—said to have numbered 50—were routed, the Americans returne dto the Texas side.

The pursuit of a "hot trail" across the border followed a series of raids on the Indio ranch, in which it is estimated that 1000 or more head of cattle had been driven across the Rio Grande.

**ONSET POSTOFFICE AND CONSIDERABLE MAIL DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST NIGHT**

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 31.—The Onset postoffice and a considerable quantity of mail was destroyed by fire in the centre of the town late last night. The fire badly damaged the Bullock block on Main street and the total loss was estimated at $12,000.

# ARGENTINE MISSION TO U. S. IN SHIPWRECK

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 31.—The Argentine transport Pimento, understood to have on board members of an economic mission to the United States from Argentina, was driven ashore off the Atlantic coast during a storm last night, and now lies high on the beach. Everybody on board was taken off safely in a breeches buoy by life guards.

The shipwrecked Argentinians were housed last night in the life-saving station. They hope to board their vessel again today if she can be floated, and the wrecking crews now standing by think this may be done if the storm abates.

A 50-mile gale was driving a heavy fall of snow when the ship lost her course last night.

# AMERICAN AVIATOR KILLED IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 31.—An American aviator was killed yesterday while making a test flight at an aviation center before French and American pilots and observation aviators. Although the wind was blowing violently he made a loop successfully but on attempting to repeat the feat he fell. He was dying when picked up but insisted on reporting to his American comrades with his last breath, the observations which he had made.

**HEARINGS ON PACKING INDUSTRY**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The federal trade commission today announced that the open hearings on the packing industry would be continued Thursday in Philadelphia with Commissioner Victor Murdock presiding.

# FIRE AT NEW YORK NAVY YARD

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Fire occurred today at the New York navy yard. Shortly after the alarm was sounded sailors from the barracks were stationed every ten feet around the yard and workmen were forbidden to enter or leave during the ensuing 90 minutes. At the end of that time the sailors were withdrawn. Information regarding the blaze was refused by the navy yard official, inquiries being referred to the government authorities at Washington.

# HOUSE WRECKED BY BOILER EXPLOSION

BROCKTON, Dec. 31.—The interior of the house owned by J. Howard Field, a prominent shoe manufacturer, was nearly wrecked this noon by the explosion of a boiler in the basement. A woman washing clothes nearby escaped almost by miracle.

Practically all the furniture on the first floor was damaged. Windows were blown out and glass ware in houses for two blocks was broken.

**BRITISH WAR PRISONERS FROM GERMANY ARRIVE AT SHEVENINGEN**

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 31.—A Reuter agency despatch from The Hague via London dated Dec. 29 says the first party of British war prisoners, soldiers and civilians, from Germany en route for internment in Holland had arrived at Sheveningen. The Dutch allied ministers welcomed the arrivals who, though cheerful showed traces of privations.

The Dutch newspapers contained appreciative articles bearing on the soldiers who were described as an honor to the British nation. The men were silent when questioned regarding conditions in Germany.

**FORMER CITY MARSHAL McKENNA OF LAWRENCE ELECTED PURCHASING AGENT**

From city marshal to purchasing agent was the shift made today by City Marshal Maurice F. McKenna of Lawrence, who was elected to the position of purchasing agent at a regular meeting of the municipal council of the down-river city.

Maurice McKenna is well known in this city and his many friends will be glad to learn of his election. He made a very efficient city marshal and his business ability and experience well fit him for the position of purchasing agent.

# NO TELEPHONE STRIKE IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—There will be no strike of the telephone operators in Greater Boston.

Shortly before 7 o'clock last night the members of the adjustment board of the Boston Telephone Operators' union accepted the schedule agreed upon at a conference between International Vice President G. M. Bugniazet and officials of the New England Telephone company.

What the settlement terms are or the wage scale accepted are not given out, as it was agreed that no statement including the new schedule should be made known before the adjustment board can report at a special meeting of the union to be held next Wednesday.

Owing to the overwhelming vote of the members of the union to strike if their demands were not granted, and the action of the members at the meeting last Friday night in refusing to listen to any proposition which did not contain all they asked for, it is believed by them that the minimum wage of $16 after six years' service and other increases have been granted

# SALARY ORDINANCE CAMOUFLAGED

A three-minute adjourned meeting of the municipal council was held this morning in the aldermanic chamber at city hall, where by the way, it was very cold. In the absence of the mayor, who was called to Boston this morning by the food administrator, Commissioner Frank A. Warnock, president of the council, presided.

An order for the grading of Belmont avenue was read and adopted. Commissioner Brown asked Commissioner Donnelly if he had done anything toward the drafting of an ordinance restoring the salaries of certain officials to what they were in 1915, as instructed by the council at its last meeting and Mr. Donnelly replied that the ordinance was a matter for the law department, which means that nothing in the line of cutting salaries will be done, for today was the last day for such action.

The meeting was opened at 10.25 o'clock and brought to a close at 10.28, at which time adjournment was taken for the approval of monthly bills. All bills were approved and the meeting adjourned until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

# PROMOTED FROM THE RESERVE FORCE

Five members of the reserve force of the police department have been promoted to positions as regular patrolmen, they being Bernard J. Judge, Anthony Clark, Charles S. Sharkey, Patrick J. Garrity and Samuel H. McElroy. They have been assigned to regular routes.

**OLD RESIDENT RETURNS**

John L. Prescott, a well known figure in Lowell 25 years ago has returned to take up his residence in this city. Practically most of his life has been spent in the express business. He came to Lowell in 1890 as agent for the Lovejoy-Paul Express company and three years later left to form the Manchester Express company and was with that concern as messenger for 16 years. Upon the death of Mr. Day, the owner, 8 years ago, he became manager with headquarters in Concord, N. H. In coming to this city Mr. Prescott will manage the entire line of the B. & L. and M. & C. Express company which, due to his efforts, has inaugurated a passenger train service and triple messenger service daily. Mr. Prescott is busy renewing old acquaintances.

**EMPLOYES OF LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE ENTITLED TO WAR RISK INSURANCE**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Employes of the lighthouse service who have been transferred from the department of commerce to the service of the war and navy departments are to be regarded as part of the country's defence forces during the war and so are entitled to war risk insurance, according to a ruling today. More than 1100 officers and men are affected.

**HENDRICKS GOES TO ST. LOUIS**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 31.—Jack Hendricks, manager of the Indianapolis team today signed a contract to manage the St. Louis Nationals next season.

**GOING TO FRANCE**

Miss Etta Fraser, who for the past two years has held the position of nurse assistant at the Rogers Hall school, left last evening for New York, whence she will sail for France, where she will do nurse duty on the battlefield. Miss Fraser is a graduate of the Lowell hospital training school.

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WE ARE MOVING

To Our New Store

50 CENTRAL ST.

Extending through to Prescott St., where we shall have about three times as much space as before, enabling us to display "Chic" Muslin Underwear and other goods to better advantage.

We are very grateful to our friends who by their liberal patronage have made it possible and necessary that we have a larger store. Watch for date of opening.

THE CHIC SHOP

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TO THE LOWELL MERCHANTS

THE REAL LOWELL MERCHANTS who have closed Thursdays at noon during the year 1917, we wish to express our gratitude and thanks, and may the New Year bring happiness and prosperity to you.

TO THE BUYING PUBLIC who have supported the clerks in their efforts for better hours, we can but voice the same wish, and may they continue to patronize the stores that close Thursdays at noon during 1918.

MERCANTILE CLERKS ASSO.

# YEAR'S WORK BY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Lowell's public safety committee met at city hall last evening and as befitting the occasion, the members took a retrospective view of what has been done in the year just closing in the way of Lowell war work. Incidentally the committee discussed plans for the coming year.

The public safety committee was organized on the 24th of last March at the request of Mayor O'Donnell and since that time its members have been very much on the job in an effort to enable Lowell to meet the various emergencies and unaccustomed conditions resultant from the war.

Perhaps the most timely topic taken up at last evening's meeting was that of coal conservation. A committee from the Lowell Federation of Churches was present to obtain the safety committee's idea of what the churches could do to conserve coal. The committee consisted of W. T. Sheppard, H. O. Brooks and Rev. H. E. Benton. It was voted to ask the churches to refrain from using any more than the usual amount of coal in the months to come and if possible, to unionize some of their services. A series of revival services are to be held in the local Protestant churches in the immediate future and the church committee was asked not to multiply these services any more than absolutely necessary.

John M. O'Donoghue, chairman of the Lowell coal committee, was present at the meeting and he gave a resume of the coal situation in Lowell at the present time. At this moment there are in the city between 6000 and 7000 tons of hard coal. The normal demand of the city is from 9000 to 10,000 tons a month. The coal supply is tightening up. Therefore, the reasonable conclusion was that the city must conserve what is already on hand.

Besides considering the manner in which the churches of the city might conserve coal, the committee took a more general view of the situation and voted that the Lowell Electric Light corporation be asked to consent to a rearrangement of its contract with the city so that the use of the white way lights shall be reduced. The matter of closing theatres and clubs was taken up but the general opinion was that such action would not be wholly feasible except in cases of direst necessity.

A special committee was appointed to look into the subject of saving fuel in Lowell and to suggest through frequent reports possible savings. George H. Perkins of the Textile school was chosen chairman and the other two members were Rev. Nathaniel W. Matthews and Fred C. Weld.

The members of the executive committee of the safety committee are Mayor J. E. O'Donnell, chairman; Robert F. Marden, sec.; Arthur T. Safford, John M. O'Donoghue, Dr. A. J. Gagnon, Dr. G. Forrest Martin, Otto Hockmeyer, James C. Reilly, John H. Murphy, Albert D. Milliken and Hon. Edward Fisher.

This committee at last evening's meeting submitted the following report of its activities to date:

**Report of the Committee**

The Lowell committee on public safety was formed at the call of Mayor James E. O'Donnell and at the request of the government, Sunday, March 24, 1917.

Within a period of the following five days the entire city of Lowell was organized to take care of itself in case of serious trouble involving the safey of the city and its people, with particular reference to any mishaps resulting from the state of war which at that time had not been declared but which was confidently expected.

Through sub-committees a wide diversity of effort was undertaken with energy and judgment so that much was accomplished in a week's time that might otherwise never have been done.

In brief, the committee on public safety has operated along the following lines, endeavoring to secure effective results in each:

Collection of all dynamite in Lowell into one spot, where it has since been under constant guard.

Careful supervision over sales of chlorates and similar drugs at drug stores.

Training of the police force in marksmanship.

Guards at spots where watchfulness might be needed.

Recruiting of all units of the service where the committee could help in any way.

Establishment of a War Work headquarters at 119 Merrimack street.

Organization of a force of men and equipment capable of handling any emergency where destruction of vital property would require its immediate reconstruction or repair.

Preparation of a volunteer list of motor and horse-drawn vehicles ready for any emergency service

Provision of clothing for men hurriedly drawn into the service

Provisions of motorcycles and sidecars for four Lowell companies.

Establishment of an emergency hospital unit of physicians, nurses, beds and bedding, as well as surgical supplies; this being now ready for any use that may come up. The Lowell General, St. John's, and the Lowell Corporation hospitals are the emergency stations.

Provision through the public utilities of the city for the possible emergencies that would require transportation, temporary light and power or co-operation of effort to secure best results.

Development of the effort to encourage food production and conservation through home gardens, intensive agriculture by the professional farmer, the public market, the canning campaign, the food conservation campaign, and the securing of a sugar supply.

Establishment of the State Guard companies, three being organized in Lowell.

Fuel supply and prices through effort to have this city get the coal it needs and the naming of a coal price fixing committee by the state. In this connection the committee urged the water department to lay in a surplus supply at the pumping stations and maintain it for an emergency.

**Soldiers and Sailors**

Relief of families and dependents of soldiers, through funds supplied by the committee's treasury.

Map of the city for defensive purposes showing the spots where extra guarding would be essential in case of danger.

Concentration of all war work efforts requiring public participation either through money or energy into channels where such efforts would not be wasted. Elimination of non-essential efforts and avoidance of duplication of work or money.

The establishment of a labor or employment bureau for farm work or for any useful purpose of a like nature.

Cooperation with the surrounding towns on all the above topics and on any subject calculated to aid in safety work.

Suitable demonstration of farewell to the Lowell soldiers of the National Guard before they left the state, including parade, dinner and a general holiday.

Suitable efforts to give the men of the National Army a proper send-off as they started for the training camps.

Encouragement of the legislature in its proposal to provide a state fund to aid the dependents of soldiers and sailors.

Co-operation with the war department in the matter of providing suitable entertainment and care for soldiers visiting Lowell from the Ayer cantonment, the war department naming the executive committee of the public safety committee as its official committee in Lowell.

A census of the visiting soldiers was taken each Saturday and Sunday for four weeks and the results reported to the official at Ayer.

Contributions of various articles for sport and comfort to the Lowell soldiers at Ayer and at various distant spots.

The handling of the vice problems locally and a complete approval of the mayor's course in naming a vice-squad of police.

An effort to establish proper recreation facilities for visiting soldiers and sailors.

Assistance to the school of English language at Ayer, the committee paying for a supply of text books.

The above enumeration of items in which the committee on public safety has interested itself will serve to indicate the lines along which the work has proceeded. It is unnecessary to go into great detail. It is evident from the summary that the committee has taken a sufficient interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the city and its men in the service and that about everything from cigarets to cartridges has been on the list of activities.

The committee was named by Mayor O'Donnell at the request of the governor who had likewise named a state committee on public safety. The governor acted on the request of the president of the United States. Therefore the Lowell committee has acted with decision and promptness on all matters feeling that while its authority might be questioned there was sufficient basis of power back of it to urge compliance with its wishes. It is gratifying to be able to report that at no time since the committee set to work has there been anything but hearty co-operation from all sources. The thanks of the committee are especially due Mayor O'Donnell and his department of public safety for earnest and hearty co-operation at all times. The same should be said of the municipal council and all the city departments, and especial thanks are due the Locks & Canals and all the corporations in Lowell for steady and efficient backing of the wishes of the committee.

The community as a whole has backed the public safety work sanely and willingly by money, effort and time. Much has been asked and will be asked in the future but so long as the present spirit of co-operation prevails the community can take care of itself against all emergencies.

The work of the committee has been guided from the start by the executive committee. Various sub-committees have undertaken allotted tasks and at the inception of the committee a week of concentrated effort shaped the main items. This work, in some instances, was quickly accomplished and could be left as done, but in others the work required weeks of attention and months of application. In some lines the work is continuing and will continue.

**Prevention of Waste**

The basic theory on which the committee has acted is that in time of war any waste of time, money or energy should be prevented as far as possible and to that end has endeavored to bring all forms of activity under the wing of the committee on public safety, not for the purpose of dictation but in order to be able to advice where duplications were being undertaken. At the request of the committee the Lowell Social Service league, which is non-sectarian and has valuable archives of records as well as trained workers, has accepted the task of becoming the official investigating medium of the public safety committee, thus bringing into this one organization not only the co-ordinated charities and relief work it ordinarily conducts but also that of the committee, which at times looms large. This also accords with the action of the American Red Cross, which has done the same thing. The committee advises against excessive demands upon the resources of the people but when public aid is needed is willing to back the projects to the limit.

Realizing that the churches of the city exercise the chief influence in the community, the committee has sought from time to time the aid of the clergy of all denominations and has asked for a variety of forms of co-operations. This has always readily been given.

The committee has kept reasonably full records of its acts and will file them whenever this is desirable at city hall in order that any future emergencies may make use of the material accumulated.

Some recommendations have been made by the committee that should in time be carried out. The first important recommendation is that the municipality should build a modern magazine in a proper location so that all explosives should be stored there in safety and given out only under some successful system of preventing a scattering of unnecessary amounts of dynamite. A recommendation that has already been carried out is that the physicians, vehicles suitable for ambulances and the nurses and hospitals should be thoroughly organized to take care of any emergency. The physicians are now divided into two groups, one to respond to the call of emergency by going to the scene of the disaster and the other to go to the hospitals. The Boy Scouts have also been organized into first aid corps. The vehicles are also lined up for emergency service and this will shortly be reorganized into a definite motor corps. The hospitals have been provided with a surplus supply of beds and bedding and surgical supplies which remain in readiness for the emergency which all hope and expect will not occur. A system has been devised by the corporations whereby an emergency light and power plant can be set up in 24 hours in the event of anything so unlikely as serious damage to the regular electric light and power plant happening.

Throughout the development of all the plans and protective arrangements the committee has been in constant communication with the great employing units in Lowell, advising and being advised in everything pertaining to safety of the community. Suitable safeguards have been maintained and, so far as any physical damage to property and lives is concerned, it is felt that every essential step has been taken.

There remain to be accomplished some vital things of importance to the community. Among these, first of all is maintenance of the vigilance that brought all these plans into being. The time for any untoward incident marring the safety of the city has not yet passed. Secondly, there is looming up the necessity for providing a proper method of maintaining industry intact as far as possible, in the face of the use of many essential hands in lines of industry that are necessary to the prosecution of the war and in the uniformed forces of the country. Thirdly, the need for conservation of food and materials is becoming more and more apparent and any means calculated to aid the government in this problem are plainly the duty of this committee to foster. In this the committee requires, and already has, the aid of the women, whose council of defense is now for all practical purposes a part of this committee on public safety.

**Work of Individuals**

In the prosecution of its plans this committee has called from time to time upon individuals for unusual duties. For instance, James E. Burns, a noted marksman and expert with arms, has given freely of his time to the police department in training the men in the use of small arms. In the recruiting work, Capt. Edward Fisher, A. D. Milliken, W. A. Mitchell and others have aided by hours of concentrated attention and labor. In the provision of motor trucks, W. A. Mitchell has been an unfailing source of supply through his committee, the owners of vehicles giving them freely for any work required by the committee. In forming the State Guard, Lieut. Royal P. White performed service that required time and effort to an unusual degree. In finance, John F. Sawyer and Austin K. Chadwick have been the mainstays of the committee. Dr. G. Forest Martin organized the medical unit. Freeman M. Bill gave hours of his time to the planning of the food production campaign. Mrs. Butler Ames, Mrs. George M. Heath and Mrs. James H. Carmichael have given and are still giving unlimited time to the conservation work, and but for their efforts the summer's work would not have counted for so much. City Engineer Stephen Kearney produced the city map that, in case of need, would be worth its weight in gold and invaluable in caring for the emergencies. Harry Dunlap, at a time when the Lowell soldiers were up in New Hampshire on guard and were suffering for warm clothing, was the man who did the work of procuring the needed articles and distributing them. In the coal question Herbert J. Ball gave invaluable and expert assistance in getting together material and information. While it would be possible to continue this list indefinitely it may well be closed with an appreciative mention of Otto Hockmeyer, who has taken charge of the war work headquarters for the committee on public safety and has given unlimited time to making the headquarters serve every useful purpose. He has himself financed it, and by his characteristic energy gradually brought the headquarters to the point of its being recognized as the location of everything pertaining to the war.

When the committee on public safety started its work the country was more or less hysterical about what might happen. At no time has the committee been carried away by this feeling but, nevertheless, has tried to cover every avenue of danger in a proper manner. It does not promise that nothing can ever happen here, but it has certainly reduced the chance of misfortune and has provided means to take care of what does happen. Whether anything ever happens or not, the city has adopted a system of co-operation that should never be allowed to depart.

The committee reports to the public that all sorts of service, including public service, private service, corporate service, secret service and military service have joined hands here to make the community safe. The committee asks from the public a continuance of quiet confidence, a readiness to respond to any call of duty, a watchfulness against any incursion of organized vice here, a maintenance of the spirit of conservation, the elimination of waste and the upholding of that spirit of patriotism for which Lowell has always been noted.

The burden of caring for the safety of the city rests upon the shoulders of the mayor. This committee has endeavored in every way to support and aid Mayor O'Donnell and is prepared to support Mayor-elect Thompson in exactly the same way.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

Robert F. Marden,
Secretary of the Executive Committee.


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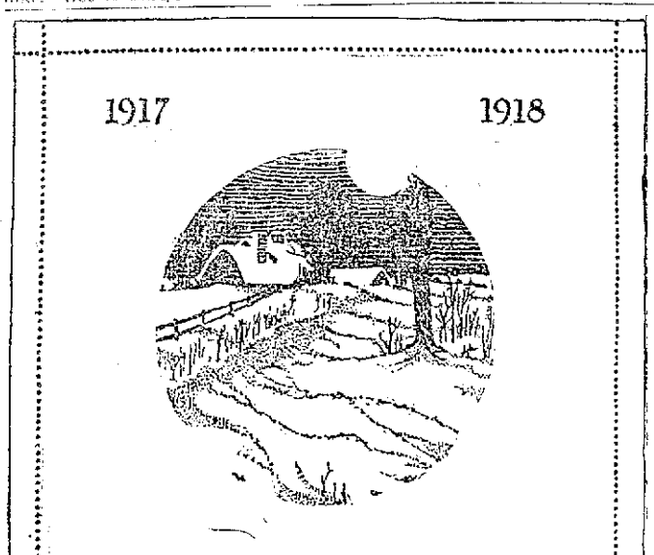


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**BROADWAYS TO WATCH "THE OLD YEAR OUT AND THE NEW YEAR IN"**

Tonight at 11.30 o'clock the members of the Broadway Social and Athletic club will assemble at their rooms on Broadway, to watch the "old year out and the new year in." An elaborate program has been arranged for the affair and "open house" will prevail. All friends of the organization are invited, and indications point to a large number accepting the invitation. President Timothy F. O'Sullivan and an efficient committee have charge of the arrangements, and nothing will be spared to make the event one of the most notable in the history of the Broadways. Many of the talented members of the club, as well as some of Lowell's leading performers will appear on the program. Music will be furnished by Miner-Doyle's orchestra. Speeches appropriate to the occasion will be delivered and refreshments will be served.

**OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY AT COURT HOUSE OPEN FRIDAY MORNING**

The office of district attorney at the court house on Gorham street will be open on Friday morning, Jan. 4 from 9 to 11 for the examination of Lowell complainants and defendants who desire an examination of cases pending in the superior criminal court, in which they are interested.

**DEPOSIT THAT CHRISTMAS MONEY**

Deposit that Christmas money in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank. It will begin to draw interest from Saturday, January 5, 1918.


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Lowell, Monday, Dec. 31, 1917

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$7.50 CORDUROY COATS—Reduced to ..... $5.00
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$25.00 WINTER COATS—Reduced to ..... $18.50
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$15.00 and $18.50 SILK DRESSES—Reduced to ..... $12.50
$25.00 SILK DRESSES—Reduced to ..... $18.50

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$5.00 SKIRTS—Reduced to ..... $2.98
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CHILDREN'S $1.50 and $1.98 DRESSES—Reduced to ..... 98c
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ON SALE WEDNESDAY MORNING

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## INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

Patrick H. Kilbride, of 14 Stanley street, has received the following letter from his brother, Priv. William J. Kilbride, who is in France with the 101st Engineer regiment. In the letter Priv. Kilbride gives a resume of what the boys "over there" do on Sundays:

France, Dec. 9, 1917.

Dear Brother:—I received your letter dated Nov. 2 yesterday. I also received the other letters at the same time and I am very grateful because it is a real pleasure to hear from Lowell and home. It certainly cheers me up and makes me feel that the folks at home are with me in spirit.

Well, Patsey, in reply to ——'s question as to what I do on Sunday I will give you the program for last Sunday. Reveille was blown at 6.30 a. m. From 7 o'clock until quarter past, we had setting up exercises; 7.30, mess, which consisted of mush, bacon, corn meat, bread and coffee. Then from 8 o'clock until 10 we sat in our barracks reading and smoking and talking about general topics. At 10 o'clock I attended mass at the Catholic church which is very old, quaint and pretty. It seemed like St. Michael's in Lowell, as far as the mass was concerned but the surroundings were different.

At 12 o'clock we had mess again with the menu as follows: Potatoes, meat, carrots, bread and coffee. Not so bad, eh? At 1 o'clock we went down to the village depot to await the arrival of another engineer outfit that was due to arrive this afternoon. It got in about 2 o'clock and we gave the boys a cordial reception. Our band played "Dixie," as it was a southern regiment. They had all their equipment including automobile trucks, wagons, horses, mules, field kitchens and all the other necessaries. They will be billeted in various barns in the village. The men are a clean-cut set and talk with a southern accent.

Now, Patsey, I must tell you that I have not received the boxes which you sent, but don't worry, I will get them all right. There is probably a tie-up somewhere owing to the congestion of the mail.

I am glad that everything is all right at home and that the folks are well. I will write as often as possible. Remember me to mother.

With best wishes and good luck, I remain,

Bill.

**Private Arthur Pelletier**

Private Arthur Pelletier is spending the winter in France with the 101st infantry and in the midst of his pleasures he has found time to write the following missive to his brother, Louis Pelletier, of 310 Adams street:

Somewhere in France.

Dear Brother:—Just a few lines to let you know that I am in the best of health and having the experience of my lifetime. Everything is fine here. We are in good quarters and get good "chuck" and plenty of it. We have good officers and the fellows are a corking bunch.

Tell all the folks when you see them that I am perfectly all right and tell them not to worry. It won't be such a long time before I'll be coming back again to the good old U.S.A.

Wishing everybody a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Arthur.


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President Wilson is shown here receiving a lesson in camouflage from U. S. army camoufleurs. He has just been told that a man is concealed within 10 feet of him. You can tell by his "quit spoofing" expression that he is incredulous. A minute after the picture was snapped the "stone" in the foreground rolls back and a soldier salutes the president. A pit had been dug for his body and the "rock" had peepholes in the sides.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SOCIETY NEWS

Confessions in all the Catholic churches of the city were heard this afternoon and will also be heard this evening in preparation for the reception of holy communion on tomorrow, New Year's day, which is a holy day of obligation in Catholicdom. In many of the churches masses will be at the usual holy day hours, while in others the Sunday schedule will be carried out. Services will be held in the evening in many cases. At the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception churches, the Te Deum and Miserere will be sung this evening at 7.30, in observance of the passing of the old year.

Best wishes for the new year and exhortations for new resolutions were the predominant themes in the sermons of the preachers at the various masses yesterday.

Next Sunday evening, the annual union services of the Holy Name societies of Lowell and vicinity will be held at the Sacred Heart and St. Michael's churches. Rev. John M. O'Brien, O.M.I., will deliver the sermon at the Sacred Heart church, and at St. Michael's the preacher will be Rev. Michael Gilbride of Collinsville. The members of the various societies will meet at their own churches and then march to either St. Michael's or the Sacred Heart, in accordance with the section of the city in which they live.

Next Friday will be the first Friday of the month, and the usual services will be held.

At St. Patrick's church yesterday morning, the members of the Catholic Young Men's lyceum received communion in a body at the 7 o'clock mass, and there was a large attendance of members. Rev. William O'Brien, P. R., was the celebrant, and he was assisted in giving out communion by Rev. Timothy P. Callahan. Rev. Joseph A. Curtin sang the high mass at 11 o'clock, and Rev. Fr. Callahan preached the sermon. After the reception of communion yesterday morning, the members of the Young Men's lyceum assembled in their hall in Suffolk street where breakfast was served and an informal entertainment program carried out. Masses tomorrow at St. Patrick's church will be at 6, 7, 8 and a high mass at 9 o'clock. Services in the evening will be held at 7.30 o'clock.

Beginning tomorrow and continuing every Sunday thereafter, the mass which was formerly celebrated at 9.15 at St. Peter's church will be celebrated at 9.30. Rev. Francis L. Shea was the celebrant of the high mass at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, and Rev. Peter J. Linehan was the preacher. There was no session of the Sunday school yesterday afternoon. The masses on New Year's day will be at the regular Sunday hours, and services will be held in the evening at 7.30 o'clock. On Tuesday afternoon, a service flag containing between 250 and 275 stars will be raised in this parish and will be suspended between the rectory and the church. Appropriate exercises will accompany the flag raising and Rev. Daniel J. Keleher, the rector, will be the speaker. The exercises will be held out of doors if the weather is favorable, and the scheduled time is 3 o'clock. Next Sunday morning at the 7.30 o'clock mass, the members of the Holy Name society will attend their regular quarterly communion in a body, and in the evening they will assemble in the church at 6.30 preparatory to marching to the Sacred Heart church for the annual union services. A meeting of the Married Ladies' sodality will be held Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. The regular monthly communion of the Immaculate Conception sodality, scheduled for next Sunday, will be deferred one week.

Rev. T. Franklin Wood, O.M.I., celebrated the high mass at the Sacred Heart church yesterday morning and the pastor, Rev. John P. Flynn, O.M.I., preached the sermon. The Christmas music was repeated and this evening at 7.30, the Miserere and Te Deum will be sung. Masses on Tuesday will be at the usual holy day hours. Services in the evening at 7.30 o'clock. Tomorrow afternoon, the members of the Junior Holy Name society will entertain the children of the parish in the school hall. Preparations for the minstrel show by the young people of the parish, to be given next Friday evening in the school hall, are progressing favorably under the direction of Rev. William Maban, O.M.I., and from present indications the affair should be very successful. A rehearsal was held yesterday afternoon. Rev. Fr. Mahan is being ably assisted by Leo G. Burke.

The high mass at the Immaculate Conception church yesterday morning was celebrated by Rev. Denis A. Sullivan, O.M.I., the pastor and Rev. Lawrence F. Tighe, O.M.I., delivered the sermon. At the early masses a large number of parishioners received communion. Masses tomorrow will be at 6, 8, 9 and a high mass at 10.30 o'clock. The Te Deum and Miserere will be sung this evening at 7.30 o'clock. Tomorrow evening vespers will be held at 6.30 o'clock.

Rev. Henry M. Tattan sang the high mass at St. Michael's church yesterday morning and Rev. Francis J. Mullin preached the sermon. Masses tomorrow will be at 6, 7, 8 (two masses) and a high mass at 9 o'clock. The latter will be followed by the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The annual parish reunion will be held Jan. 23 in Associate hall.

Rev. Patrick J. Hally, the pastor, celebrated the first mass at St. Columba's church yesterday morning and Rev. Dr. James J. Fox of the Catholic University at Washington sang the high mass. Masses tomorrow will be at 7 and 9 o'clock with services in the evening at 7.30.

At St. Margaret's church the parish mass was celebrated yesterday by Rev. William H. O'Connell. A large number of parishioners received communion at the early mass. On Tuesday the masses will be at 5, 6, 7 and 8 o'clock. Usual first Friday services will be held this week.

In St. Joseph's parish it was announced at all the masses yesterday that St. Joseph's college and St. Joseph's convent would not open until one week from today, Jan. 7. Beginning next Sunday the last mass will be at 11 o'clock and will be a high mass.

At the Notre Dame de Lourdes church yesterday morning it was announced that services in observance of the passing of the old year will be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock with the members of the Sacred Heart league and a Garde Sacre Coeur in attendance.

At St. Louis church the regular services were held yesterday and it was announced that beginning tomorrow the high mass would be at 11 o'clock. The parish school will open January 7.

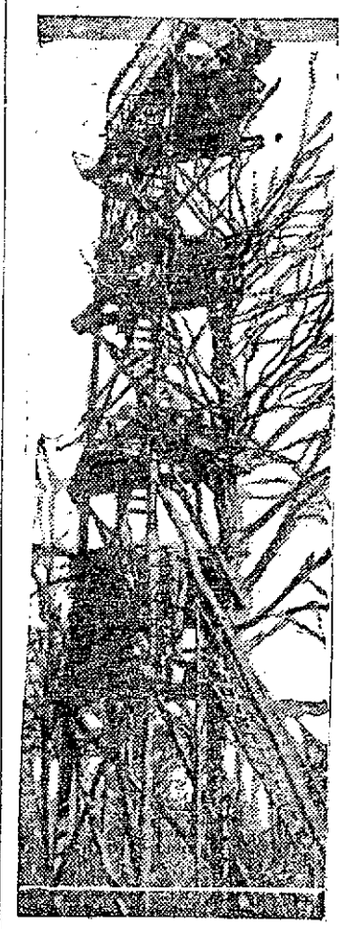
### CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED—COAL DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE POOR

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—The parishioners of the First Methodist Episcopal church on Temple street in the west end, voted yesterday to accept the recommendation of the pastor, Rev. William R. Gilbert, that services be suspended and the coal in the church bins be distributed among the poor of the district.

"It is all right," said Mr. Gilbert, "for us to pray that the situation be bettered, but I feel that we should do something more for these people."

## HUN WATCH TOWER HAS FOUR STORIES

If the top story of this German watch tower is shot off, the observer still can do his spying from



the third story—then the second, and first. The photo was taken from a German prisoner.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# RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND!

Say, fellows, we've got more to "swear off" at the beginning of this year than ever before, come to think of it. We've still got a very fair representation of the old habits, and we've been acquiring some new ones, during the past year. Moreover, the wisdom and duty of sticking to our new resolutions are stronger, this time, than ever before.

Consider what the new year promises. There is to be war more hellish than the world has ever before known, notwithstanding the extraordinary slaughter and barbarity of the past year. Even peace would find whole peoples ruined and the nations still alive, gasping with exhaustion. Even if democracy is saved to the world, it will be democracy weak and bleeding after an awful operation, democracy in the hospital.

Fellows, let's examine ourselves and see how strong the bad habit of thinking of and doing for self has got hold of us.

We've given a dollar to Red Cross and maybe thought of it as a sort of tip that didn't hurt us.

We've bought a bond. Oh well! there's four per cent interest in it; it didn't hurt!

Some of us have studied pretty considerably on how to "pass the buck" of war taxation.

We've paid a cent or two more for such things as cigars, postage and movie tickets. It didn't hurt. We've had a sort of hazy, indefinite idea that it was up to the other fellow to do most of the paying and fighting, and, mentally and physically, we've gone along in pretty much the same old comfortable way, satisfied that others would successfully perform whatever was to be done.

Let's swear off on being at all satisfied with ourselves, first thing in 1918!

There never was a time when the Lord gave more and greater opportunities for individual service for His people and His purposes.

An old bachelor can pay 12 cents for a smoke that formerly cost him 10, and not feel abused. But 40 cents will feed a French orphan for a month.

A dollar for Red Cross, and you get a flag for your window. But five dollars may save an only son to a widow.

You go out to billiards, or theatre, or poker game, or club doings, with your regular companions, all good fellows. But in the cantonments are fellows who are without mothers, fathers, home chums, who are alone in themselves, who have to take army provision and regulation in the raw and rough, and yet they are your brothers!

There is nothing more beautiful in these awful times than the long-distance adoption of foreign orphans by American families. Mr. Man, have you an orphan whose father died while defending your rights to liberty, home and happiness? Is there anything that you do directly to help and to save, beside subscribing an easy dollar now and then?

Let's swear off on regarding all that agony in Europe as remote and impersonal!

Let's swear off on giving and doing only up to the point where it hurts us!

Let's swear off on feeling that somebody else will do it!

We will, likely, climb on "the water wagon," and fall off at the first corner; eschew the weed with little Robin Reed, be cross and ugly around home and office until Feb. 1st, and then rush for the strongest, meanest cigar anybody has in stock; abandon blasphemy, and cuss till the furniture rattles, when the first shoestring breaks. We can pave, curb and put street car tracks in Hades with our usual good resolutions.

Let's swear on ourselves, for this year of world-crisis, close, direct, intimate, personal service to humanity, and do something, big or little, every day to hold us to it!

### THE FIRST NEW YEAR

In the beginning God created the heaven and earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

## WELCOME, LITTLE STRANGER!

BY BERTON BRALEY.

Here's 1918 stepping off at our door
While last year departs, to return nevermore.
He's gone with his baggage of trouble and woe
And few of us weep as we're watching him go;
But 1918—well, we greet him with hope
And trust that he'll show himself able to cope
With problems that stumped the old year. Oh we're keen
For luck and good fortune with 1918.

He comes as a child with an innocent smile
But he will grow up in a mighty brief while,
For battle and slaughter and conflict, in truth,
Will soon make a man of the callowest youth;
And 1918, we quite fervently pray,
Will take hold of things in the manliest way
And help wipe the kaiser, et. al. off the scene—
A sizeable job for young 1918.

Oh 1918, you'll be weighed down by war
The burden of causes we're all fighting for;
We hope you can lead us to permanent peace
For not otherwise shall this mighty war cease,
We want to be free of this terrible fight
We pray you can end it—by ending it RIGHT,
But if you cannot, then we'll fight on, I ween
Long after you've left us, oh 1918!
And meantime, while whistles and bells make their din
You're welcome, young 1918, so come in!

## REV. "KID" WEDGE TELLS HOW TO KEEP A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Special to The Sun

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 31.—Can a New Year's resolution be kept? How?

"Easy enough to keep a New Year's resolution if you really meant to keep it when you made it," replied the Rev. "Kid" Wedge, former prize fighter, and who now is doing Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Grant here.

The Rev. F. R. Wedge points to himself as one who made a resolution to turn over a new leaf and who turned it over and kept it turned over.

"It was a long and hard fight to keep my resolution," said the preacher who once delighted in the roughest kinds of fist battles. "But I won out. I made good, and I'll never get over being glad that I made the resolution and kept it.

"The trouble with most New Year resolutions are that they are made with 'fingers crossed,' and the maker doesn't really want to keep them. Consequently he doesn't back them up with all the grit and will power he has.

"He slides back into his old habits, drink, vice, or whatever it was, because he didn't put his whole heart and soul into keping his New Year resolution."

If anybody in the world knows what he's talking about when he speaks of making and keeping resolutions Rev. "Kid" Wedge is the man.

He was born in the lumber camps of northern Wisconsin woods. His father was a lumberjack, and the "Kid" grew up among the rough, liquor-drinking, fighting men whose only "fun" was found in barroom brawls.

The lumber camp barroom was the school to which the "Kid" went.

While still in his teens he became the roughest fighter and worst tough in northern Wisconsin. He could drink more liquor than any other and he could get more vicious and dangerous when drunk than any other. His greatest ambition was to get everybody drunk, himself included, and start a free-for-all, rough-and-tumble scrap in which eye-gouging, strangling, head-busting tactics predominated.

From the barroom brawls he emerged a "roughneck" prize fighter, and fought many ring battles. He acquired a love for boxing which he still retains and has instilled in young men of his churches.

But it is clean, manly, scientific boxing he likes and teaches.

Then, one day, he asked himself: "What does this booze fighting and tough reputation get me?"

And he answered that question, too:

"Nothing!"

So "Kid" Wedge made his famous resolution. That was something like 15 years ago.

He quit drinking and started going to church and school. He spent more time at home and none in saloons. At first it was hard sledding. The good people didn't think him serious, and his former pals tried their best to pull him back to their low level.

But he kept on, making the keeping of that good resolution the biggest thing of his life. He studied, conducted a summer training camp for rich men's sons to defray his expenses. Four years he spent at the Omaha Theological Seminary and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister and given a church at Monroe, Neb.

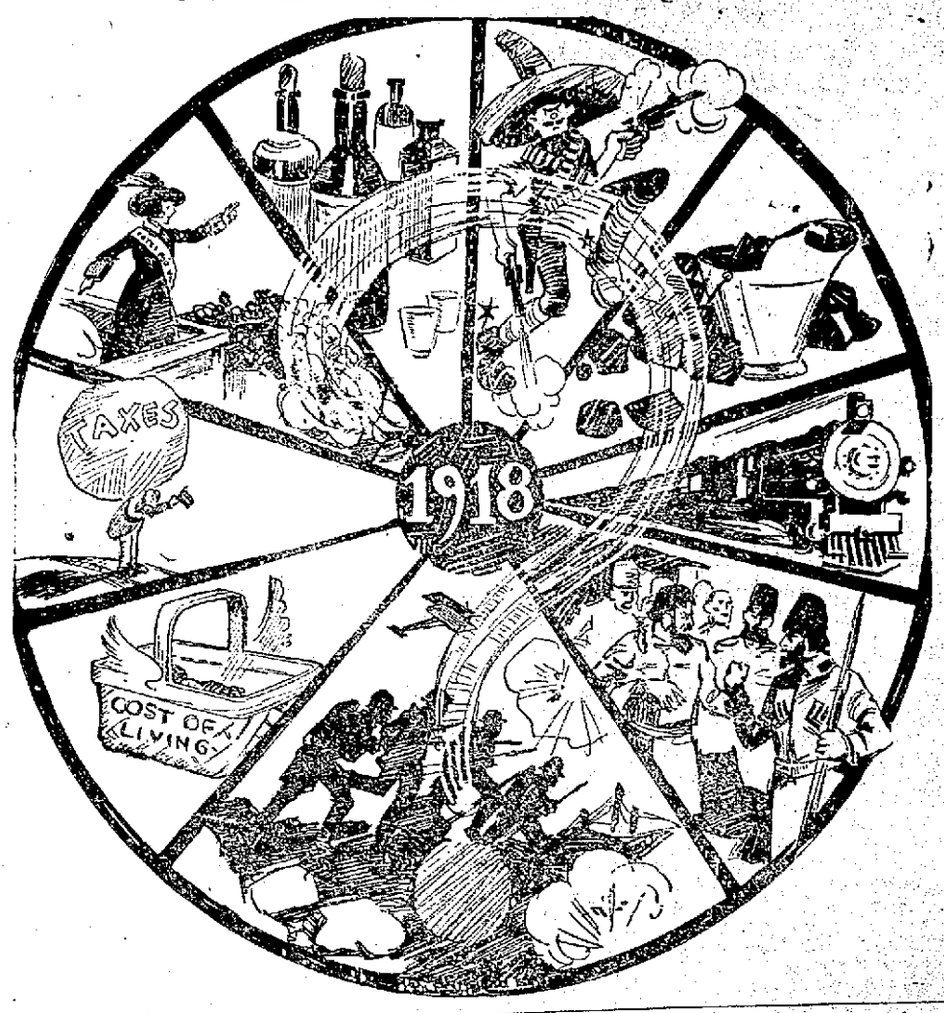
Later he went back as pastor to Rhinelander, Wis., where once he had been the police's "toughest customer." Then he became an evangelist and preached the dual gospel of a clean, healthy body and a clean, Christian mind. For the former he prescribes athletics, outdoors and work; for the latter, church, school and home.

The fight Rev. "Kid" Wedge is most proud of is the one he fought with the vice-stained Chinatown and the vicious Barbary Coast of San Francisco, neither of which is a tenth as morally rotten as it was before he got into the fray.

And if he hadn't made and kept that resolution he wouldn't have done that. More than likely he now would be a human derelict in some big city's flop house.

E. C. RODGERS.

HOW WILL 1918 ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?




# SAILORS PREVENT CONFLAGRATION

ROCKLAND, Me., Dec. 31.—The section of Main street known as "the Brook" was swept by a $79,000 fire yesterday morning. Five business blocks were destroyed and six families were made homeless. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

A general conflagration was prevented by aid given by 84 men from the Naval Training station and the coast patrol boats. The snow and ice on all of the wooden roofs in that thickly settled locality also averted damage by flying embers.

Thermometers in the vicinity of the fire registered 23 degrees below zero, and there was a piercing northeast wind off the water.

Among the properties destroyed was the plant of the Rockland Opinion, a weekly newspaper, which has twice been burned out within 14 months. Ensign Otis, the editor and proprietor has decided to suspend publication until arrangements can be completed for a new plant.

The fire was discovered about 3 a. m. by W. C. Appleton, machinist's mate of a submarine patrol. When opposite the Bradbury shoe store he saw a sheet of flame at the northern end of Frye block. After sounding the alarm he assisted in removing two children from a tenement in the adjoining block which was ablaze when the firemen arrived.

The new combination chemical and engine froze at the hydrant.

Then followed a dramatic incident. From the roof of the Naval station rockets were fired and the powerful searchlight signalled the boats of the coast patrol fleet, the crews from 10 of which worked with such zeal that five were taken back to the station in a state of exhaustion.

A falling chimney knocked Clifford Brazier, a reserve, and James Gray, a fireman, from their ladder. The former sustained a sprained ankle and the latter had a bad scalp wound. He was sent to the hospital.

The fire swept from the bridge south of Masonic Temple to Limerock street, on the western side, and after destroying the newspaper office, opposite the Y.M.C.A. building, was stopped within a short distance of the postoffice and customhouse.

Mrs. M. A. Bend, who conducts a lodging house, risked her life to save her pet cat, which had sought safety in the basement.

**New England's Fires Yesterday**

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| Rutland, Vt. | $125,000 |
| Rockland, Me. | 75,000 |
| Pepperell | 10,000 |
| Greenfield | 50,000 |
| North Troy, Vt. | 50,000 |
| Suncook, N. H. | 20,000 |
| Woonsocket, R. I. | 12,000 |
| Tyngsboro | 8,000 |
| Total | $165,000 |

# TO REGISTER GERMANS WEEK OF FEB. 4

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The week of Feb. 4 was set aside by the department of justice yesterday for registration of the half million unnaturalized Germans in continental United States.

Every German is required to go to the registrar and make out triplicate affidavit information blanks and to furnish four photographs of himself—one for each affidavit and one for his registration card. The photograph must bear his signature written on the front and must not be larger than three square inches. It must be on thin paper and have a light background.

The affidavit provides for recording name, address, age, place of birth, occupations and residences since Jan. 1, 1914, date of arrival in the United States, whether married, names and ages of children, whether the registrant has or has had any relative in arms against the United States, whether registered for the draft, military training, naturalization conditions and similar information.

A full description of the man and the prints of each finger must be taken by the registrar. The registrant must swear to the affidavit before the registering officer.

Small postoffices not equipped with fingerprint apparatus are advised to borrow a small quantity of printer's ink and a roller from the town printer and to make the impression upon the ink spread on a pane of glass. One of the triplicate records is to be kept by the registration agents, one sent to the United States marshal and one to the department of justice at Washington.

In cities of 5000 or more population recorded by the 1910 census, a list of which is issued by the department of justice, the chief of police and his assistants will administer the registration. In smaller communities and rural districts registration will be conducted by the postmasters, and the postmaster of the largest office in the local judicial district, in most states the equivalent of a county, will be the chief registration officer to gather the reports from the others and forward them to the United States marshal and the department of justice.

## AMUSEMENT NOTES

Note:—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

### B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

The story of "Thais," the Goldwyn picture in which Mary Garden makes her screen debut, and which will be headlined at the B. F. Keith theatre this week, is taken from the most sensational novel of the 19th century. When Anatole France, one of the greatest living French authors, first produced the novel it took the world by storm. It has gone through many editions, and is still selling in large numbers. Sometime later the famous composer, Jules Massenet used the story as the basis of one of his best operas. Mary Garner, who will be seen in the foremost role in the picture, wonderful Mary, has sung the title role of "Thais" many times. Chiefly because of her sympathetic and highly intelligent personation of the heroine of the opera, Goldwyn was able to obtain the screen rights from the author, M. France. The Goldwyn firm made certain of the popularity of this theme before beginning the work of photographing it. To hold a popularity contest, and "Thais" was selected as Miss Garden's best role, while "The Juggler of Notre Dame" was second and "Salome" third. Miss Garden said that undoubtedly many thought the last name her best role, although they did not dare to sign their names in the contest.

"Mrs. Ritter Appears" is the vaudeville headliner of the week. It is a comedy of many very fine points, bright in story and in development, clean and a comedy every minute of the time. It concerns an amateur performance by society folk, and in the leading roles are Herbert Russell and Virginia Edwards. Others in the cast are Misses Jennie Dickerson, Alice May and Estelle Thebaud.

Burns and Frabito are funmakers, just that and nothing more, and they make claim to nothing else. However, they pour forth fun as easily as a lark does music, and they call their act "The Italian Front." Both men have had wide experience with comedy, and they have always been fortunate enough to land upon some subject which will please the public.

McMahon, Diamond and Chaplow, two girls and a man, do acrobatics as easily as most of us walk. But they do not rely upon acrobatics to pull them through. No, it is the combination of fun, dancing, singing and acrobatics that makes them one of the best trios in the business today. Mossis and Campbell, a man and a woman, have a skillet called "Avi-ate-Her," and it is all about aviation and kindred topics. Miss Jennie Middleton is a young violinist who has astounded the critics with her bowing and the Littlejohns are jugglers and club swingers of note. The Hearst-Pathe pictures will be shown at every performance throughout the week. Tonight two performances will be held, the first opening at 7 o'clock, and the second at 9.30.

### OPERA HOUSE

A play without a name and a prize of $25 in gold to be given away free by the management to the person who selects the most appropriate title for the piece, are two of the many interesting features in connection with this week's production by the New Emerson players at the Opera House. Every person attending the performances of the week will be given a slip of paper on which he is invited to place his name and address, as well as his selection of a title to the play. These slips will be turned over to a committee of five well-known Lowell persons, who will act as a committee to decide a winner. On Monday night of next week the award will be made. Such a generous offer has seldom, if ever, been made by a local stock company, and there is no question but what patrons generally will avail themselves of this opportunity of winning a most acceptable New Year's gift.

The play is the product of one of Broadway's popular authors and is said to compare favorably with the very highest types of stage creations of the present day. It tells a wonderfully good story, has many interesting characters taken from every-day life, thrilling climaxes and tense scenes, as well as an ample sprinkling of comedy to make the combination a delightful and thoroughly enjoyable one. In staging the piece Carroll Daly will find rare chance to display his ability as a director. Douglas Dumbrille, the clever leading man of the players and Miss Rotoli will find the piece a most congenial vehicle in which to reflect their talent, while the remaining members of the cast will be found in pleasing roles.

On Monday afternoon and night the management is again making the offer of a check calling for any $25 suit to be selected from the extensive stock of the Yorke shop in Central street. This offer, which is a bona fide one, is to the women folk alone. All holding reserved seat coupons will be eligible. In the afternoon the reserved seats are 30 and 20 cents, and at night 50, 30 and 20 cents. Remember there are two offers, one for the matinee performance and the other for night. No one directly attached to the theatre is eligible. Order your tickets early and avoid disappointment.

### THE STRAND

Henry Hull, one of the stars of "The Volunteer," and a recognized favorite of the screen, will be presented in person by William A. Brady of the World Film corporation at The Strand at the matinee today. Mr. Hull is at present engaged in the stage production of "The Man Who Came Back," now being presented at Ye Wilbur theatre, Boston, and is scoring a big hit with the theatregoers of the Hub. One of the most interesting features in connection with his coming and his reception to the patrons, is the fact that he will be seen on the screen at the same performance in the presentation of "The Volunteer" which is to be the big screen feature for the first three days of the week. It is a rare and fortunate opportunity that presents itself to local photo-play lovers to see a star in reel life and real life at practically one and the same time. In "The Volunteer," besides Mr. Hull, there also appears such film celebrities as Madge Evans, the child actress who ranks with Mary Pickford and others of her type, our own June Elvidge and Montague Love, Ethel Clayton and William A. Brady himself. Such a collection of stars have never before been seen in a single production.

Life was just one beautiful dress after another for Theda Bara when she was making "Du Barry," the William Fox production which is to be presented during the first three days of the week. There was a collection of gowns that would make the average woman's head swim, and the beautiful actress found untiring pleasure in them. It is remarkable that this lady, who perhaps has worn more beautiful clothes than any other woman in the world, should find it possible to become enthusiastic over each new creation. Miss Bara not only reflects her exquisite and artistic taste in dress, but also her exceptional ability as an interpreter of high dramatic art in the presentation of "Du Barry." Those familiar with her work will find in her latest production a side to her stage endeavors never before uncovered. See her and the wonderfully clever cast that is assisting her.

Besides the above features, the program will include one of those high-class Vitagraph comedies, and the usual interesting and instructive Strand revue, in which the current events will be told in picture form. Nothing more interesting has ever been shown, especially at this time when the opportunity for unusual subjects is great. The musical numbers by The Strand Symphony players and Henry Kenney, tenor soloist, will add materially to the general enjoyment of the bill. Don't miss this afternoon's treat. Performance begins at 1 o'clock sharp and continues to 11 p. m.

### ANNUAL BANQUET AND REUNION OF MEMBERS OF ST. PATRICK'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Plans for the annual banquet and reunion for the members of St. Patrick's Alumni association, which will be held tomorrow evening, were completed at a meeting of the committee yesterday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by Chairman John J. Flannery and the program announced was as follows:

Address, Rev. George O'Connor, one of the chaplains at Camp Devens; address, Peter Collins of Chelsea; address, Mayor James E. O'Donnell; address, Rev. Bros. Osmund. The musical program will include selections by a quartet of soldiers from Ayer as well as numbers by local talent.

### SMALL POX REPORTED

A case of small pox, the first for some time, was reported late Saturday afternoon to the local health authorities. The person affected with the disease is Fred Brinkman, 35 years of age, employed at the United States Cartridge Co. and residing at 186 Appleton street. The case is not considered a very serious one, but the home has been quarantined.

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To all our readers we wish a happy and prosperous New Year.

## GET READY TO WALK

Judging from the reported stress of the street railway company owing to the lack of coal and other difficulties it would not be surprising soon to find the service suspended altogether. In that event everybody who cannot use a jitney, an auto or horse-drawn vehicle would have to walk. The heavy overcoats and wraps will then be very necessary in braving the severity of the weather. The people in the suburban districts would be the chief sufferers in case the car service were suspended. The industries also would suffer as the people could not get to work on regular hours. Moreover, many could not withstand the ordeal of walking to and from their work in severe weather. As a result there would be sickness and many cases of pneumonia. It is possible that although we have been criticising the street car service, we may never fully appreciate its worth until we experience the want of it even for a short time.

Supt. Hickey is doing all in his power to give the public the best service possible with the resources at his command. He took charge of the local division just as things were going to pieces as a result of adverse economic conditions. He has since had to contend with the loss of employes who left the service to enter the munition factories or to respond to the call to the colors. Now comes the shortage of coal to cap the climax and threaten a general suspension. While the men work but the regular hours on schedule time Supt. Hickey works not less than sixteen hours a day in an effort to make improvements and keep the lines running as nearly as possible on time. During the past week, the officials were greatly handicapped by the lack of men to complete the various shifts. When the actual conditions are known, the public will sympathize with Supt. Hickey rather than criticize him.

## WAR DEPARTMENT PROBE

The investigation at Washington shows that the men in some of the training camps suffered greatly from want of suitable clothing, from overcrowding and the lack of hospital facilities. It is asserted even that many deaths resulted from these causes. It is but natural to assume that such conditions should arise as a result of the rush with which the cantonments were erected and filled by the drafted men. It is known that to meet the conditions complained of, clothing and equipment were ordered before congress voted the appropriations; but even with this anticipation of the needs of training camps, many contracts were not filled on time. The delay was due to strikes and other causes over which the war department had no control. Even congress delayed its authorization so long that had not the war officials acted upon their own authority, matters would have been still worse. Unfortunately it is true that there have been a great many deaths from pneumonia following outbreaks of measles. Thus, for the week ending Dec. 7, there were 171 deaths from pneumonia in the National Guard and 47 in the national army, while from all causes there were 264 deaths. These totals are not much above the average for the cold weather. There was considerable suffering from cold before the cantonments were fully supplied with steam heat. This was the case in Camp Devens, but other camps apparently suffered to a greater extent. With the camps now thoroughly comfortable, many of the men contracted colds from exposure during the drills and other exercises calculated to train them to endurance of hardships.

These are the inevitable consequences of the hurry with which the camps were constructed and the men assembled for active training. We do not suppose that anybody can be blamed for conditions that were unavoidable unless by postponement of the draft until all the camps and the necessary clothing and equipment were on hand.

## OUR LOCAL WAR WORK

The past year was a very trying one for Lowell, not only in meeting the demands of the war but in responding to the various local appeals coming as a result of war work.

The city made a splendid response to both the Liberty Loan appeals, to the various campaigns for the Red Cross, the Y.M.C.A., and the Knights of Columbus war service campaigns.

Besides, the exemption boards were prompt in sending Lowell's quota of drafted men to Camp Devens; and it is safe to say a finer body of young men could not be found anywhere. In addition to these, there were a great many volunteers who entered the service previous to the draft. These have already been heard from in the work of fighting the submarines and on the western battlefront. One Lowell boy, Oliver Moulton Chadwick, is believed to have lost his life in the French aviation service, while George Francis Rogers was one of the victims in the sinking of the United States transport "Jacob Jones." Several Lowell men have fallen in the French service so that as usual, Lowell's record for patriotic sons whenever the nation needs defenders, is maintained in the present world war as in past struggles.

But the masses of our population have settled down to a determined effort to meet conditions as they come without a murmur. The cost of living has jumped still higher and yet there is little complaint. The scarcity of sugar has affected many families having small children, and the coal shortage still more severely, but the people under these hardships have shown remarkable patience and forbearance. They go along on the belief that being in the war, certain inconveniences are inevitable and must be borne, while it becomes the duty of all, whether at home, in the store, the factory or the training camp to work for the sustenance of our forces in the war and for the final triumph of American arms, the overthrow of Germany's ambition for world domination and for a new birth of freedom and democracy for all the world.

## NINE MONTHS' WAR WORK

At this time a review of our war work for the year is in order. Although but nine months have passed since we entered the world war, already we have troops in the trenches in France and an army of about 700,000 men in training, while the registration under the selective draft law will furnish an army of from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 men, if such be needed.

The work accomplished under the difficulties of inadequate transportation, in making preparations to assert our full force in the war next year, has never been surpassed, perhaps never equalled, by any nation.

The training of the men and their equipment for active warfare, however, are simple matters and comparatively easy compared with that of their transportation across the Atlantic in the face of the submarine menace.

Our small standing army went to France early in the summer and was soon followed by drafted men for final training near the front. As a result, for some months past a force of American soldiers have been operating with the French troops on the western battlefront, while a force of American engineers has already rendered excellent service not only in preparing for the reception of the American army in France, but in actual service in co-operation with the French army. But the principal assistance rendered by the United States to the Entente Allies consisted in the advance of large financial aid to the nations needing it most and the service of our navy, which soon after the declaration of war in April, was ordered to join the British navy in combatting the submarine menace. Without this aid there is little doubt that England would have been forced to submit to terms dictated by Germany which would have enabled that military despotism to wage war later on against this nation and on this side the Atlantic. The collapse of Russia as a fighting force against Germany has been a serious blow to the allied cause, enabling the Teutons to draw their armies from the eastern front and place these, together with their prisoners set free in Russia, all upon the western front to force the fighting before the full United States army gets into the trenches. This has given Germany a new lease of life in the war and hence the Allies may be hard pressed before the American army can assert its full strength against the enemy. That will not come next spring nor will it be quite possible next fall.

Germany foresees that with a great American army holding part of the western front and a powerful American navy operating against the submarines, her doom will be sealed eventually and that the longer she fights the worse will be her final defeat.

The question of "ships, ships, and more ships" with the United States is the paramount demand of the hour and to this the supreme effort of this nation must be directed.

Taking the situation with all its difficulties and all its momentous phases, as the New Year dawns, we do not see any ground for discouragement; but we do see the most imperative and overpowering reasons why this nation must speed up in every department in ships, in transportation, in training and in industrial production. Let not our people suppose that our army or our navy can win this war without a united people working night and day to maintain them, to equip them with the best of everthing that is necessary to their success—food, clothing, ammunition, transportation, ships for transports and more fighting ships with plenty of men to man them. Our people at home must furnish the sinews of war if they expect their army and navy to triumph. It is gratifying to know that the responses have thus far been generous and patriotic and that if the same spirit be maintained to the end, as we are confident it will, there can be no other conclusion to the war than a glorious victory for world freedom and democracy, made possible only through the might, the wealth and the self-sacrifice of the United States.

## SEEN AND HEARD

We all of us need a great deal of tact to get along well in life—that is to say, a great deal more tact.

Don't try to satisfy yourself by considering that anyway you keep your promises as well as other folks keep theirs.

When somebody asks you for your opinion about something, it is wise to say first: "What do you think?" with a strong italic accent on the "you."

An actress doesn't care how many articles the papers print about her birthplace, so long as they don't tell how old she is.

All of us can endure a great deal of approval from our friends, especially if it is warmly and enthusiastically expressed.

There is no use in telling a married man what to do in his spare time. If a married man does what is expected of him, he doesn't have any spare time.

Some people insist on having the end seat in the row at the theatre, and some people insist on having the inside end seat of an outside row.

### No Lawyer Needed

An Atlanta lawyer tells of a newly qualified judge in one of the towns of the south who was trying one of his first criminal cases. The prisoner was an old negro charged with robbing a hencoop. He had been in court before on a similar charge and was then acquitted.

"Well, Henry," observed the judge, "I see you're in trouble again."

"Yessuh," replied the negro. "De las' time, jedge, you rec'lect, you was mah lawyuh."

"Where is your lawyer this time?"

"I ain't got no lawyer dis time," said Henry. "Ah's gwine to tell de troof."—Oregon Journal.

### A Brush for—and With—Wifey

The much-married man arose suddenly from his chair, nervously grabbed his hat and coat and vanished through the door. Ten minutes later his deskmate saw him return, slowly and apparently mediating on his sins.

"What hit you so quick?" he asked. The married one hedged and hedged, but finally blurted out the truth.

"I remembered all at once that my wife wanted me to get something up town. I thought I'd better do it before I forgot for good."

"But you didn't bring back anything with you."

"No. That's the worst of it. I remembered I had to get something, but when I reached the street I found I hadn't remembered what it was."

Fifteen minutes later the much-married one again leaped to his feet, exclaimed "Hair brush! hair brush!" and was gone.

The next morning the deskmate noted that when the much-married man arrived he had in his hand a package, which might well contain a hair brush.

"Well, did you get it?" he asked.

The M. M. M. took up the package and gave it a look of long suffering.

"Yes, I got it," he answered wearily. "I got it. But she wanted a toothbrush—not a hair brush."

### When Home Cooking Failed

Sized up as a whole home cooking is all it's cracked up to be, but there are isolated instances where it fails to measure up to specifications drafted by poets, oracles and young husbands who extol the things that "mother used to make."

Right off, lest there be any misunderstanding, let it be said that the new maid and not Friend Wife was responsible. She called her the "green girl." Perhaps you know the kind—willing enough, but sadly deficient in experience.

That night there was to be a guest at dinner, a young man whose favorite dish is kidney beans, and before hastening away to the surgical dressings class the missus charged the "green girl" to faithfully carry out instructions in preparing and baking 'em.

When dinner was announced everything was apparently satisfactory. Mr. Husband uncovered the beans, Friend Wife expressed a wish that they were done "just right" and the guest fairly beamed. Then the husband glanced at his wife. She sensed his anxiety.

"Kidney beans, Helen?" he asked. She assured him that kidney beans was the order.

He tried them and groaned.

They called the "green girl" and asked what had happened. She protested that she had followed instructions to the letter. By degrees they gathered the truth. In the pantry, near the jar of kidney beans, Friend Wife had a jar of peanuts, shelled but with the red inner lining intact.

The maid had baked the peanuts.

### ONE-SIDED

Oh a one-sided game is a bore
And a one-sided fight is as bad,
While a one-sided bet is a hard thing to get
And a one-sided joke makes you mad,
But of all of the one-sided things
Which serve our existence to mar,
The one which, I wot, is the worst of the lot
Is a wholly one-sided cigar.

You light it with pleasure any joy
Its end in your molars you clinch,
And you puff it in glee till you suddenly see
That it's burned down one side for an inch;
Then you use fifteen matches to make
The other side burn down as far,
But spite of endeavor it evens up never
The purely one-sided cigar.

It may have some shape when you start
Perfecto or slim panatella
But ere you escape it has turned to a shape
Like a shabby half-opened umbrella;
There's only one thing you can do
That's to smoke one side down to a char,
Then, though you may smother, just smoke down the other,
And beat the one-sided cigar!

—Berton Braley.

### THE PEOPLE'S CLUB

The second course of demonstration lectures on "War Time Cookery" at the People's club will open Wednesday afternoon, the dates and subjects of the course to be as follows: Jan. 2, "More Ways to Release Wheat;" Jan. 9, "Meatless Tuesdays;" Jan. 16, "Conservation of Odds and Ends;" Jan. 23, "War Time Desserts;" Jan. 30, "Fruits and Vegetables as Foods;" Feb. 6, "Butter Economy and Substitutes."

A supply of first class staple groceries is carried by the club and members of this class are allowed to purchase the same co-operatively. This work has received the endorsement of the food commission committee.

Saturday, January 5, 1918 is "Quarter Day" at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.


TRUCKS

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# MAN IN LOWELL ESCAPED FROM THE TURKS

After being wounded four times in the body while serving as an unwilling member of the Turkish army during the battles of the Dardanelles, and later wounded in the head while doing spy duty for the British army, Iskender Konuyunjian finally made his escape from the European turmoil and eventually came to Lowell. He is at present employed at the Waterhead mills and is making his home at 512 Central street.

Besides his tough military experience, the young man, who is only 36 years of age, has been separated from his wife and baby and has not received one word as to their whereabouts for a couple of years. When Iskender reached this country at the request of his employer he registered for the draft, giving his age as 30 years, despite the fact that he had passed the 36th anniversary of his birth. After being examined by a physician of one of the exemption boards at West Hoboken, N. J., he was found physically fit for service, although he had five bullet wounds in his body, but was exempted on the ground of being an alien.

For four years prior to the opening of hostilities in Europe Iskender was employed as a cavalry gendarme by the Turkish government at his home in Deurtyol, Turkey, receiving about $17 a month for his services, being obliged to support his wife and two children and keep a horse on that money. When the war broke out he was enlisted against his will in the Turkish army and served in the infantry at Constantinople, later taking part in some of the great battles of the Dardanelles. It was during these battles that he was wounded four times, once in the right elbow, another time in the left shoulder, a third time in the right thigh and finally in the lower part of the left leg. After he was confined to a field hospital and while on the dangerous list he was informed of the death of his daughter.

After recuperating, the young soldier was again sent to the front, but Iskender had made up his mind to escape from the army and he did. While a fierce battle was going on between the British forces and the Turkish army, Iskender made his escape under a heavy fire and in order to escape his followers, he threw himself to the ground among corpses of Turkish soldiers and remained there for seventeen hours. Later he was picked up by British officers and brought into the British camp. There he was divested of his Turkish uniform and was attired in what is known as the "slave" garment. He was then supplied with food and tobacco, but was not allowed to do any work.

For seven months he remained at the Dardanelles with the British army, being a member of a party of 32 Armenians, who had been made prisoners. The Armenian prisoners petitioned the British officers for their liberty and after some time their request was granted. The men were then sent to Cairo, Egypt, under guard and there disbanded and given their liberty.

Iskender secured employment at Cairo and later through the efforts of Mr. Catouni, a former English consul at Alexandria, the young man was sent for by the pasha and engaged as

ISLENDER KONYUNJIAN

a spy for the British army in Syria with three other of his fellow-countrymen. The Mediterranean sea was crossed and when Iskender landed in Syria he was shot in the head. This did not prevent him from conducting his mission, however, and for 17 days he worked through the mountains and along the sea shore, gathering what data he could concerning the fortifications of Syria. Later he was picked up by a French steamer and brought back to Alexandria, where he turned his documents over to the British officers. While in the British service Iskender received 25 pounds sterling a month and when he resigned his position he was offered 50 pounds a month to keep up the good work, but his wounds did not permit him to do any more rough work.

Iskender worked in Alexandria for some time and when he had saved enough money he secured a passport and came to this country by way of Italy, making the voyage in two months. After landing in New York he secured employment at West Hoboken and it was while in the latter place that he registered for the draft. The young man came to Lowell at the request of Dr. A. H. Kludjian of 101 Gorham street, this city.

Speaking about his experiences with the Turkish army Mr. Konuyunjian said he was poorly clothed and was forced to wear wooden shoes. He was allowed but nine ounces of bread every 24 hours with a bowl of bean soup, while meat was very scarce and when given it was in very small quantities. The pay of a Turkish soldier is 8 cents a month and in 17 months he received his pay twice, that is he was given 16 cents for 17 months' work. His wife and child disappeared shortly after his forced enlistment in the Turkish army and he does not know whether they are dead or alive. The young man told of seeing Turkish officers shot by German officers after refusing to separate families and send their members to different parts of the country. He said one cannot picture the sufferings that are being endured by the Armenians in Turkey. He is glad to be in a free country and said he would be the happiest man in the world if he could locate his wife and child.


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# CIVIL WAR IN PROGRESS IN EASTERN SIBERIA

PEKING, Dec. 30.—Civil war is in progress at Irkutsk, in eastern Siberia, on the trans-Siberian railroad and in the surrounding districts. The town was set on fire by Red Guards after they had murdered the French consular agent and three other Frenchmen. Many persons, including women and children, are being murdered and street fighting in under way.

The Bolsheviki continue to receive reinforcements and ammunition from Krasnoyarsk. The Cossacks are offering determined opposition to the Red Guards. The Siberian railway guards are outnumbered and are being killed or driven from their posts. Communication with Petrograd has been cut off.

Harbin is quiet with the Chinese in full control. They are guarding the banks, stores and railways.

### SERVICE FLAG RAISED

While the congregation sang "The Star Spangled Banner" a service flag was raised at the left of the altar at St. Paul's M. E. church at the regular Sunday morning service yesterday. The flag, which was donated by Mrs. Chas. H. Stowell of the church, was presented by Mr. Perry, while the gift was accepted by the pastor, Rev. A. C. Skinner. The flag contains nine stars.

# LIEUTENANT WILSON AND HIS BRIDE

War bride and groom they are—Lieutenant and Mrs. William B. Wilson, Jr. The young man is a son of Secretary of Labor Wilson

and the bride was formerly Miss Rosamond Barnes of Elmira, N. Y. Lieut. Wilson is assigned to Camp Dix and Mrs. Wilson has accompanied him there. She will assist at the canteen.


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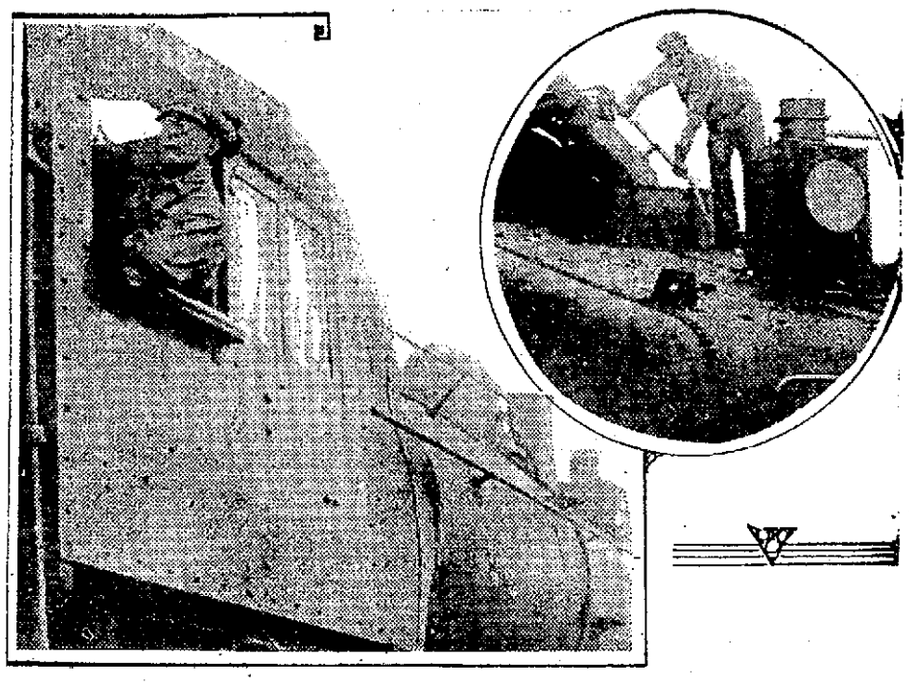

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## YOU OUGHT TO REGISTER YOUR AUTO

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 31.—In spite of the pleadings of the highway commission, not more than 25 per cent. of the pleasure automobiles owned in this state have thus far been registered for 1918, and there are more than 90,000 cars which will have no right on the highways after midnight tonight.

More than six weeks ago the commission began a campaign for registration of cars for 1918. A notice was sent to each car owner, advising him that he could save trouble and delay for himself if he would forward his application for registration before Christmas. The widest publicity was given in the newspapers to the aim of the commission to assist motorists by having their registrations ready for them prior to Jan. 1, but all to little avail, as only 35,000 pleasure vehicles have been registered. The commercial owners have done better, as they have registered more than 15,000 of their cars, a percentage much higher than that of the pleasure car owners.

Any owner who attempts to operate tomorrow an automobile bearing a 1917 registration plate will not only subject himself to the probability of arrest for operating without a license, but in case of accident he must bear the full burden of responsibility, no matter what the real merits of the accident may be, because under the law his car has no right on the highways at all. He is also very likely to lose his license to operate, as the highway commissioners will probably not be disposed to deal very leniently with those who have refused to accept the commission's offer to aid them in getting their registrations.

"Our advice to those who haven't registered," said one of the commissioners today, "is to keep his car off the highways."

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### SEMI-ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS BY THE MATHEW TEMPERANCE INSTITUTE

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Mathew Temperance Institute yesterday, the occasion being the semi-annual election of officers. The contests for the various offices were spirited and much interest was displayed, the result being as follows:

President, John J. Townsend; vice president, P. Frank Reilly; recording secretary, John Sargent; financial secretary, Arthur M. Flaherty; treasurer, Fred T. Brown; chaplain, Rev. D. J. Keleher, Ph.D.; marshal, John P. Sheehan; trustees, Walter Quinn, William Ryan and P. Frank Sullivan; board of examiners, William Busby, Thomas Carty and William Reilly; literary committee, Thomas Durkin, Edward Murphy and Charles P. Nestor.

A committee appointed at last week's meeting to arrange for a New Year's eve celebration reported that they have planned for a concert, dance and various other forms of amusement, and refreshments will be served during the evening. The dancing will start at 8 o'clock and the festivities will continue until the small hours of New Year's Day. The following members are in charge: John J. Townsend, Thomas J. Durkin, Frank A. Clarke, P. Frank Reilly, William Busby and J. Frank Sullivan.

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## FIREMEN BUSY IN BELOW ZERO WEATHER

An alarm from box 43 at 6 o'clock Saturday night summoned a portion of the fire department to a lively blaze in the storeroom of the A. J. Harris Co., iron founders and junk dealers, in St. Hyacinth street, off Tanner street. The fire had gained considerable headway before being discovered and it was several hours before the recall was sent in.

The front and one side of the one-story wooden structure was destroyed and the contents damaged. The place was filled with wooden barrels and burlap. Spontaneous combustion was responsible for the fire.

A boiler blowing off was responsible for the automatic alarm from the Barry Shoe shop yesterday morning at 8.26. Engine 4 responded but found no fire.

Another similar alarm was caused by the freezing of a pipe at the Lowell Shuttle shop, at 11.10 yesterday morning. Hose 9 responded.

Some steam got into an attic in a house at 32 Porter street, which was thought to mean fire, and a telephone alarm at 2.12 yesterday afternoon called Engine 4 to the scene.

This is "Quarter Week" at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

### LOWELL HUMANE SOCIETY

The officers of the Lowell Humane society are kept very busy at the present time looking after neglected children and animals. The children receive the first consideration, but many of the quadrupeds have suffered as a result of the extreme cold weather and during the past few days about seven dogs and cats were put out of existence.

A dog in Pawtucketville was struck by an automobile Saturday. It was afterwards shot by Officer Gilmore. An angora cat with both front legs frozen was found in Bridge street near the corner of Seventh street and was also killed.

## RECRUITING HERE FOR POLISH ARMY

A large attendance listened to stirring patriotic addresses delivered yesterday afternoon at the Polish club in Colburn street, the affair being a rally for the purpose of recruiting for the Polish-American army now being organized to fight in France.

The speakers were Sergt. Frank Wieck, local recruiting officer; Sergt. John Jasinski of Boston, Lieut. S. W. Sielski, chief recruiting officer in Boston; Chaplain Marian Godlewski and Rev. A. Ogonowski, pastor of the Holy Trinity church in High street. In the course of the meeting American and Polish hymns were sung by the assembly.

### THE MARKET HUNTER SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF OUR GAME COVERS

The following appeal, addressed to all lovers of wild life, has just been issued by John B. Burnham, president of the American Game Protective association of New York City, the sportsmen's national organization with which the Lowell Fish and Game association is affiliated, requesting their united opposition to proposals that have been made of late to modify or suspend the laws designed to protect game on the plea that the food situation demands such action:

"An insidious propaganda, engineered by those who hope to profit by it, has been in existence in this country for some time now, designed to open the game covers of the nation to the market hunter under the plea that the war necessitates letting down the bars on game to replenish the food supply.

"While some respectable people have been led under a misapprehension of the facts into espousing this movement, it derives its major impetus from the commercial dealers in game allied with many large hotels, who long for a return of the good old days when they catered to the appetite of the epicure with game furnished by dealers who maintained an army of shooters from coast to coast.

"American game tottered on the brink of extinction when sportsmen and other lovers of wild life arose in their might and demanded and secured the passage of laws forbidding its sale.

"The false logic employed to bolster a shameless propaganda which has not hesitated to use the sacred cause of patriotism as a shield is revealed in a recent editorial expression of the Courier-Journal of Louisville, Ky.:

"'To suspend the fish and game laws,' says the publication, 'would be like deciding to kill all of the hogs and cattle at once, to avert starvation before feeling the pangs of hunger, thus insuring shortage at a later period when hunger might be felt.'

"The writer insists 'that there should be a rigid continuance of the conservation of fish and game,' and cites the indisputable fact that 'the laws do not prevent the use of any sort of fish or game which is in existence in sufficient supply to be useful.' Moreover, it is declared that existing laws are designed 'to protect the source of supply and permit the use of the supply.'

"The article in question agrees with this association that sinister influences are behind the proposals that have been made. It closes with these words, which should be taken to heart by everyone interested in the saving of wild life:

"'A legislator wishing to make capital upon one hand as a patriot, and upon the other as an advocate of 'the people,' whom he could represent as being hard pressed for food, could make a facile speech demanding the abolition or suspension of fish and game laws. Short sighted persons would commend him and endorse the repeal of the protective laws for the period of the war. The conservationists, if they would defeat a much misguided response to an insincere effort to get the protective laws suspended, should be up and doing in every state. By vigilance only can they avert what would be the undoing, needlessly, of all that has been done during the last twenty-five years to prevent the extermination of game.

"Conservationists organized and unorganized should address at once those having to do with the enactment and enforcement of protective laws voicing their sentiments.

"We have yet to hear of a single individual connected with the conservation movement who approves relaxation of the wild life protective laws."

### REORGANIZATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND G. AND E. L. COMMISSION

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 31.—That Governor McCall will recommend to the incoming legislature, in his inaugural address, that the public service commission and the gas and electric light commission be re-organized and consolidated, is the report current about the state house today. The governor is known to favor merging of different departments of the commonwealth for the purpose of reducing the state tax, which has been largely increased in recent years.

The terms of Alonzo R. Weed of Newton, chairman of the gas and electric light commission, and that of Frederick J. Macleod of Cambridge, chairman of the public service board, both expire in 1918. The fact that the government has recently taken over the railroads of the country and the necessary reduction in the work of the service commission, is thought to be the foundation for the report of the consolidation.

However, the plea is being made on every side that the expenditures of the state for 1918 be kept down to pure essentials; and for several years Gov. McCall has been an open advocate of consolidation of commissions. In urging last year's legislature to reorganize commissions, he pointed to the successful merging of the Boston port directors and the harbor and lands commission in 1916. The governor estimated that a saving of 40 per cent in salaries and general expenses was made in that consolidation.

Other commissions which may be affected, if the governor carries out his plan of commission-merging, are the various boards which have to do with labor matters. The chief boards are the minimum wage commission, the board of labor and industries and the board of conciliation and arbitration. For many months the Massachusetts committee on public safety has usurped, to some extent, the prerogatives of the conciliation and arbitration board, but any move to abolish that body would be met with forceful opposition on the part both of laboring men and manufacturers, it is reported.

The term of Willard Howland of Chelsea, chairman of the board, expires in 1918, while Charles G. Wood of Concord has not yet been confirmed for reappointment although his term of office ran out several months ago. On the minimum wage commission, the term of Edwin N. Bartlett of North Oxford, chairman, expires in 1918, and on the board of labor and industries, John F. Tobin of Quincy comes up next year for reappointment.

Although Governor McCall recommended to the 1917 legislature that further steps be taken to obtain higher efficiency among the boards, no action was taken because the special committee on commissions reported "No legislation necessary." An attempt to create a joint recess committee to investigate on the consolidation situation was rejected on the recommendation of the committee on rules.

HOYT.

### NATURALIZATION COMMITTEE

The following committee has been appointed to revise the rules of the permanent naturalization committee: Joseph Payette, Maxime Lepine and David A. Parthenais. This action was taken at a recent meeting of the committee during which 12 young man, who are to take out their naturalization papers this week were assisted in their initial step in becoming citizens of this country.

## FIRE DESTROYS BARN AT TYNGSBORO

The mammoth barn of the Lawndale farm in Tyngsboro was destroyed by fire early last evening, 75 tons of hay were consumed, two horses and a number of hogs lost their lives, and a large amount of vegetables destroyed. The loss will reach about $7000. The fire was caused by a horse kicking the lantern out of the hand of a man who was going through the building to see that everything was all right for the night. The man came too close to the animal and the latter kicked the lantern into a pile of hay.

There were seven horses in the barn at the time, but before the flames gained much headway five were led out in safety, but it was impossible to save the hogs and farm implements, all of which were a total loss.

The fire started about five o'clock. There were four employes in the building at the time. They were bedding the horses for the night. The latter work was done under the supervision of the owner, Potter Hazard, who went around with a lantern to see that the horses were properly cared for. One of the horses became restive and kicked the lantern out of Mr. Hazard's hand, across the floor to where the hay was stored.

The flames spread rapidly and although a number of the neighbors rushed to the place with extinguishers, the fire, fanned by a strong wind, consumed the entire building. The flames illuminated the sky for miles around.

The barn, one of the largest and finest in the town, was formerly part of the estate of Stiles and Baker. Later it became the property of Daniel Murphy now of Varnum avenue and still later—a few years ago—changed hands into the present ownership of Potter Hazard. Near it—about 100 feet away—stood the old Lawndale dwelling, but though threatened closely several times, the building was saved.

### SEVERAL OF THE LOCAL CHURCHES WILL HOLD WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

Watch night services will be held in a number of local churches this evening to mark the closing of the old year and the coming of the new one. Special programs have been arranged for the occasion, as follows:

Centralville Methodist: Evangelical gospel singing; sermon by Rev. W. B. Whitney; social hour; missionary play, "Sunlight and Candlelight;" refreshments; devotional service. Services commence at 8.

Worthen Street Baptist: Addresses by Rev. R. G. Clapp, Rev. F. W. Brett, Rev. G. E. Pickard, D.D., Rev. W. E. Woodbury; organ recital by Mrs. G. S. Drew. Services commence at 8.30.

Kirk Street Congregational: Addresses by Rev. W. F. English, Jr., Rev. W. A. Moore, a missionary from Gondia, India; Rev. W. E. Woodbury, Rev. G. E. Pickard, D.D., Rev. A. G. Lyon; devotional half-hour, led by Rev. A. M. Osgood. Services commence at 8.

Pawtucket: Sermon by Rev. G. E. Pickard, D.D.; trio, "New Year Messages," by Miss Armstrong, Miss Wilimott and Miss Mansfield; address, by Rev. H. I. Bailey; social hour and refreshments; closing devotional service, led by the pastor. Services commence at 8.30.

St. Anne's Episcopal: Singing by both choirs and address by Rev. Appleton Grannis. Services commence at 11.

Highland Congregational: Addresses by Rev. A. R. Dilts, Rev. H. I. Bailey, Rev. G. E. Pickard, D.D.; social hour and refreshments; final devotional half hour led by Rev. A. S. Beale. Services commence at 8.

St. Paul's: Social and literary hour in charge of the Christian Endeavor society; refreshments by the Ladies' Aid society; address by the pastor and consecration service.

Central M. E.: Church meets in union with the Kirk Street Congregational and the Paige Street Baptist churches at the Kirk street edifice.

First Pentecostal: Services commence at 8.30 p. m., and will continue until 12.10 a. m. There will be a social service, after which there will be preaching by District Superintendent N. H. Washburn; singing by the church choir and devotional exercises from 11 to 12 o'clock.

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### MORTALITY OF LOWELL

For the week ending Dec. 29, 1917:

Population, 107,978; total deaths, 36; deaths under five, 7; infectious diseases, 3; acute lung diseases, 4; tuberculosis, 3.

Death rate: 17.33 against 16.37 and 15.41 for previous two weeks. Infectious diseases reported: Diphtheria, 4; scarlet fever, 1; measles, 9; tuberculosis, 3.

Board of Health.

### DIED SUDDENLY

Wm. H. Brierley, aged 62 years, of 74 South Loring street, died suddenly Saturday of heart disease. He had gone into the stable to feed his horse when he suffered the attack and dropped to the floor. His wife, after waiting for a considerable length of time for him to come to his dinner, entered the stable and found him lying on the floor. Medical Examiner Smith was called and pronounced death due to heart failure.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ann Brierley; one son, Eugene Brierley, and one sister, Mrs. Edward B. Clark.

### YOUNG PEOPLE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEET AT KIRK STREET CHURCH

An interesting meeting of young people and Sunday school workers was held yesterday afternoon in the Kirk Street church under the auspices of the Federation of Churches. The speaker of the afternoon was Dr. George E. Pickard, executive secretary of the federation, who took for his subject, "The Conservation of the Wealth of the Church."

At the close of the address the members of the Young People's Christian Endeavor union met in the lower rooms while the Sunday school workers remained in session in the upper rooms and organized with the following officers: Walter A. Chase, president, T. W. Gulesian, vice president and Nelson C. Hill, secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Young People's union:

"We, the Lowell Christian Endeavor union, hereby resolve—

"That we will heartily co-operate in the great simultaneous evangelistic campaign which will extend until Easter under the direction of the Federation of Churches.

"That we will assist our pastors in any way that we may be asked, either by attending services, asking others to attend or personal invitation.

"That each endeavorer devote part of his 'quiet hour' in prayer for definite individuals.

"That we recommend that each society form a 'Win One' or 'Win Mr. Churn' group, whereby each endeavorer will try to win another to Christ by Easter."

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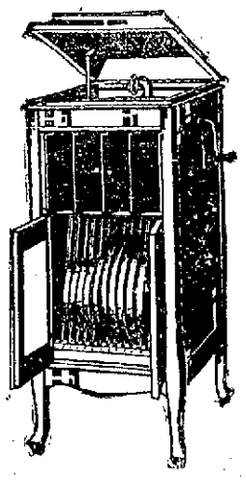

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We also have a large stock of Men's Furnishings and Sweaters, more than you would expect to find in any one store.

We again wish to call your attention to the fact that starting Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1918, we will be closed three days a week until further notice.

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# GUN DIVISION OF ARMY CALLS FOR HELP

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—In connection with the announced campaign of the gun division of the army ordnance department for an army of stenographers, typists, index and catalog clerks and schedule clerks, it is interesting to observe the tremendous expansion necessitated in the ordnance department since the beginning of the war, particularly with regard to providing office accommodations for the clerical workers. It is impossible to give exactly the figures as to the number of employes, because the recruiting of office workers for the "civilian personnel," as they are technically known, is going on every moment of the day. However, it is known that at the opening of the war there were some 90 odd members in the "Civilian personnel" organization of the ordnance department stationed at Washington. Today a little more than eight months after the declaration of war, there are employed in the ordnance department, in Washington alone, more than 4000 office employes. The new estimates recently presented to congress by Brig.-Gen. Charles B. Wheeler, acting chief of ordnance, called for 3032 additional such employes by the 30th of June, 1918.

To provide offices for the enormous number of clerks has been one of the problems of the war department. At the opening of the war the entire Washington office force of the ordnance department was confined to the suite of offices assigned to that bureau in the state, war and navy building. The mushroom-like growth of the organization, however, has already caused the department to spread into 14 outside buildings. The ordnance department is now occupying the equivalent of four large office buildings and is looking forward to still greater expansion, having in view the erection of a temporary structure and possibly an additional permanent building.

The desire to be in Washington in such stirring times seems to have swept over the entire country. At present the great number of young women who are in Washington in the government service as stenographers, typists, schedule clerks, etc., is particularly noticeable at noon and at the closing hour of the government offices. They fill the sidewalks at these times and in the theatres in the evenings one sees them in groups. They apparently have come from all over the United States, many of them being in Washington for the first time, and they are enjoying hugely the many historical features of the city.

While there are constant newcomers the supply does not begin to keep up with the demand for stenographers and typists. Regular civil service channels have proved inadequate to produce the number required. This has resulted in each department endeavoring by its own efforts to recruit for its ranks the needed workers. The gun division of the ordnance department has launched a vigorous campaign of its own to encourage the taking of the newly modified civil service examination by men and women who really wish to do their share for the nation, but have not been fully informed how they may assist. In fact, a special force has been dedicated to this work and is sending inquiries broadcast for stenographers, typists, schedule, index and catalog clerks and mechanical draftsmen, all of whom are being asked to communicate with Room 320, 1800 Virginia avenue, Gun division, Ordnance Dept., Washington, D. C., for particulars as to these positions.

### BLANKET YOUR HORSE

If you are a driver of a horse be sure and blanket the animal if it is left standing for any time. Many owners and drivers of horses neglect to do this and the horses suffer from the cold. If you are walking through the street, even though you do not own a horse, and find a blanket blown off the back of a horse pick it up and over the horse.

Agents Richardson and Gilmore of the Lowell Humane society were kept busy Saturday, yesterday and today in looking after horses that were not blanketed. Some drivers are careless and forget that the horse has feelings and enter a house or store and leave the animal unblanketed.

### TAKES 12 YEARS TO MAKE WINNER —TAKES MINUTE TO TEAR IT DOWN

Special to The Sun.

"It takes 12 years to build up a championship ball club."

That's the way Charley Comiskey figures it out, and Comiskey ought to know, as he has built up several of them.

It takes about 10 minutes to break up a winning organization, if the man who owns it can make a deal that quickly.

William F. Baker pulled the foundation from under his block house with the stroke of a pen the other day. Baker had a near champion ball club in the Phillies, a pennant winner in 1915 and a runner-up in 1916 and 1917.

The chief reason Baker had a pennant winner and contender was Grover Cleveland Alexander, the greatest pitcher in baseball, and Bill Killifer, one of the greatest catchers. When he lost them he lost more than Alexander's ability to win more than 30 games a season and Killefer's ability to catch more games than any other receiver in the National league—he lost the winning confidence of the rest of his players and without that his club should finish somewhere between sixth and eighth.

There's a lot of phychology in baseball. Imagine, if you will, the confidence of a ball club going into the field with Alexander, in top form, in the box and Killefer behind the bat.

Figures do not lie and they show that Alexander wins three games out of four he pitches. These ballplayers know that they have only one chance in four of losing with him and play up to the confidence that knowledge breeds.

So, aside from losing a pitcher who could add in the neighborhood of 30 victories to the club's season totals, Baker has taken away a confidence that would bring other victories.

This fact is one of baseball's first axioms.

In 1914 Connie Mack stripped his American league champions of half a dozen stars. Since then the Athletics have finished a poor last.

The great Cub machine was broken into a pitiful selling plater after winning a pennant.

The loss of one star, Bill Carrigan, cost of the Red Sox a pennant.

And now Baker will have 12 years to build up what he tore down in a few minutes.

Of course there was some extenuation for Baker's action. His ball club has about reached the end of the road, anyway. Cravath, Paskert, Luderus, Bancroft, Rixey and several others have been "up there" for many years and have started to slip. Baker undoubtedly figures that he will be able to buy a lot of new material with the money he obtained from the sale of his star battery with which he can replace his old stars as they fade.

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WHAT WILL HE DO WITH THEM?

# MORE MEMBERSHIPS FOR RED CROSS

Red Cross memberships for the year 1918 are continuing to pour in despite the fact that the campaign ended officially last Wednesday evening. An actual total of 29,831 has been reported to Campaign Manager Robert F. Marden and it will take just the slightest boost to push this over the 30,000 mark.

Since last Wednesday a total of 1716 names have come in from various sources and there are still a lot more to be counted. Lowell's quota was 30,000 and although this figure was not actually obtained at the close of the campaign, nevertheless, Mr. Marden felt justified in reporting to Boston that Lowell had reached her quota, basing his assumption on the new members who were sure to be reported later on. His estimate has been found to be pretty near the truth.

Some of the recent reports are as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| U. S. Cartridge Co. (additional) | 644 |
| Billerica Car Shops (additional) | 500 |
| Tyngsboro (additional) | 151 |
| War Work headquarters (additional) | 106 |
| Mass. Mohair Plush Co. (partial) | 131 |

Additional reports have been received from various other sources and many of the industrial plants are continuing to send in more names although it was thought that these people had been fairly well "covered." The Merrimack Manufacturing Co. is drawing close to a total of 1600 and there is still more to be reported from the U. S. Cartridge Co.

The war work headquarters, 119 Merrimack street, is still signing up new members and either L. E. Field or Ethel M. Brown, who are taking care of this work at the headquarters, will be on hand at all times to enlist belated members.

### ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE Y.M.C.I. HELD YESTERDAY

The annual election of officers of the Young Men's Catholic institute was held yesterday at the rooms in Stackpole street. There was a large attendance and the meeting was presided over by President Shea. Considerable routine business was transacted and the committee on entertainment submitted a report of progress. This evening, the annual New Year's eve celebration will be held and it is expected that it will be one of the most successful ever conducted by this popular organization.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, John Shea; the selection for the board of trustees was Henry Driscoll, Andrew Doyle, Frank McCartin and Timothy Linnehan, Leo Callaghan and Walter Higgins, who were tied for the fourth member. Two of these will be selected at a special meeting of the society, to be called next Sunday.

### Teague—Donohoe

Mr. George W. Teague and Miss Suzanne J. Donohoe, both favorably known young people of Lowell, were married Saturday at 5.45 o'clock at the rectory of St. Patrick's church by Rev. J. J. Kerrigan. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Nora E. Donohoe, and Frank J. Teague of New York, a brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The bride was gowned in Duchesse satin and wore a veil caught with lilies of the valley. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and orchids. The bridesmaid was attired in pink brocade and white tulle.

A reception to relatives was held at the home of the bride, 1 Brooks st. The D. L. Page Co. catered. The ushers were Rickard J. Donohoe, a brother of the bride; Joseph G. Pyne, John V. Donoghue and C. Edward Collier. Mr. and Mrs. Teague received numerous wedding gifts. They left on an extended wedding tour.

# REV. HARRIS PREACHES FAREWELL SERMON

Rev. Benjamin R. Harris, pastor of the Paige Street Baptist church, delivered his farewell sermon last night. There was a large congregation and much sorrow was expressed over the departure of the clergyman. During the evening, preceding the sermon there were two baptisms, and following the address of the pastor, five new members were received into the church.

Rev. Mr. Harris spoke in part as follows:

"We have come to our last service together. For over eight years we have worked in God's vineyard. I have been wondering for a whole month just what would be the last message I would deliver, and as I prayed and thought it over I could think of no better text than the following, which sums up my eight years' work in the service of Christ: 'I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.'

"What shall we do to be saved? That is the only question. You and I are anxious because of our boys in war; we are anxious when our children go out to fight the battles of the world, and if we could we would shelter and shield them as we have done all along. We are anxious—so anxious—that our boys and girls prove true men and women, and yet are we anxious that they find salvation?

"The important question in life is not what one is worth, not what one can do, not what one's reputation may be. The important question is: 'Are you saved, saved for this life and the life to come.'

"The church is not something that prepares us solely for eternity. Christianity with such a single aim in view is worth nothing. Religion that helps us in our every-day life is real Christianity. Then, no matter what may happen, you and I have a Christianity that makes us safe.

"What may I do to be saved? Going into the baptismal waters won't save you. Uniting with the church doesn't mean salvation. These things, of themselves, never save unless we have back of them the faith that believes.

"If I were ill, there is one physician in Lowell that I would prefer before all others. I would be willing to place my life in his hands. When it comes to a question of law, there is one attorney whom I prefer to consult. Now Jesus Christ does not profess to be a lawyer, or a physician, but as the great redeemer we have the testimonial of hundreds of thousands whom he has saved. If you believe in him, you will accept him as your own redeemer."

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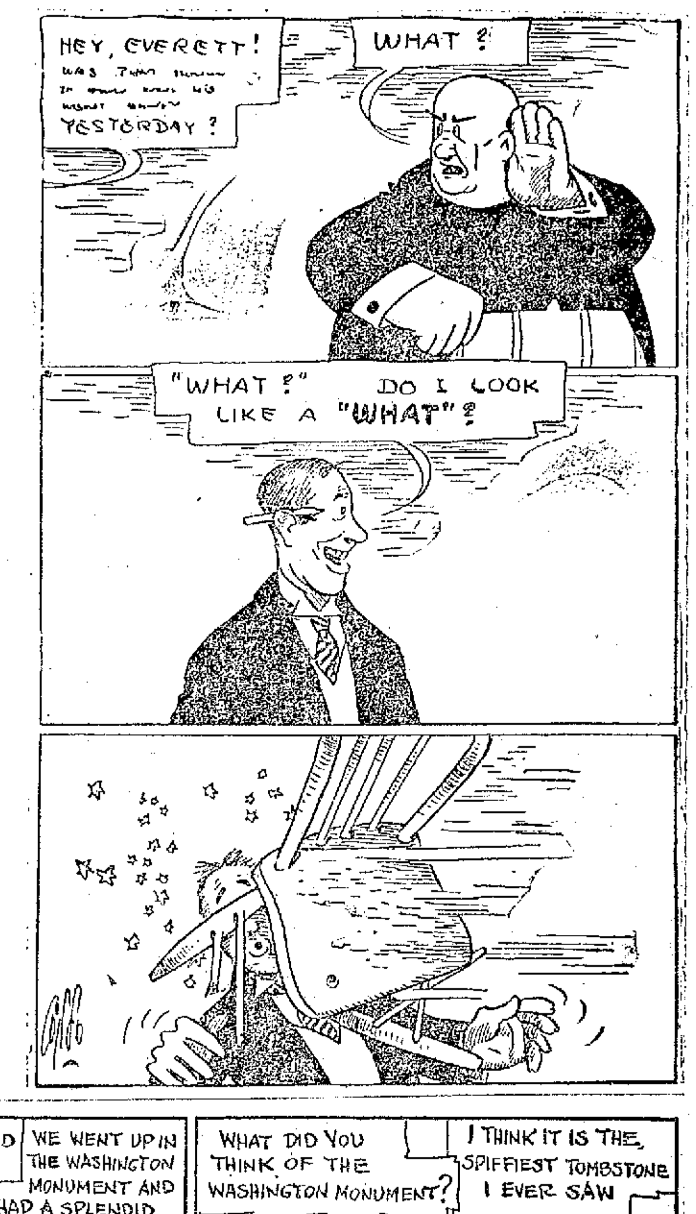


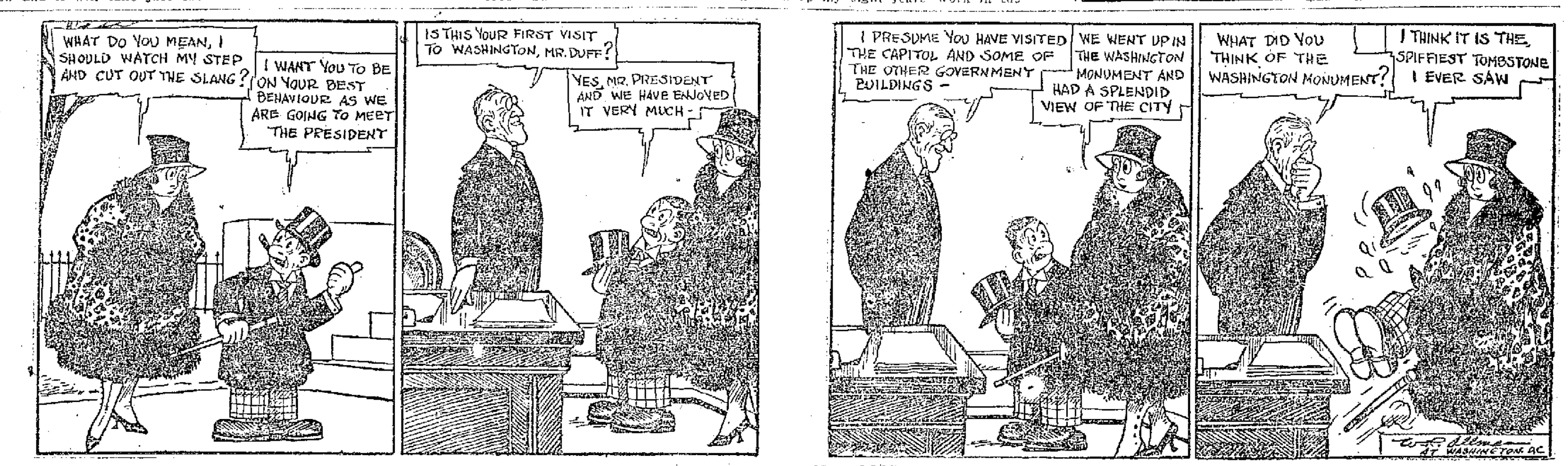

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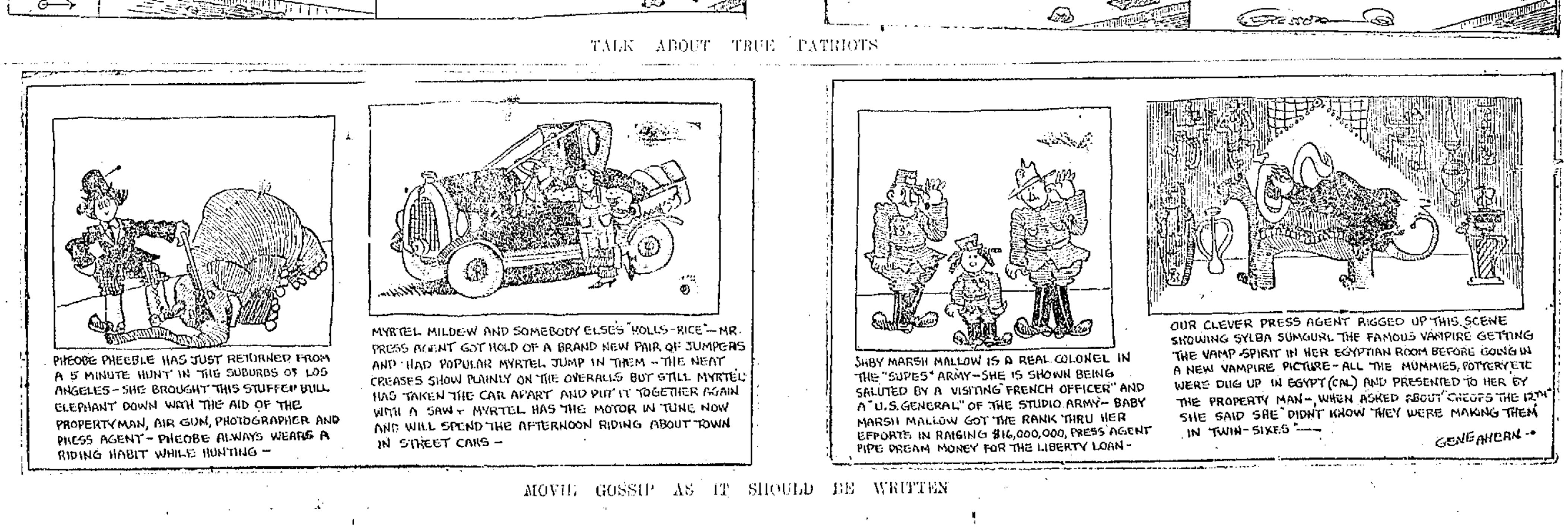
TALK ABOUT TRUE PATRIOTS



MOVIE GOSSIP AS IT SHOULD BE WRITTEN

# LOWELL PLAYS TWO GAMES TOMORROW

Tomorrow being a holiday, the Lowell polo team will play two games, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. Providence, runners up to Lowell in the league standing, will be the opponents in both contests. When the league secretary made out this week's schedule he evidently forgot that the state of Massachusetts last year voted to include the day in its list of holidays, for he passed up the chance to have Lowell and Lawrence play double-headers. Manager Moore, at the request of a number of local fans went to Providence yesterday and though he tried to have Lowell and Lawrence the pairing teams for holiday, he was unsuccessful, but he did succeed in arranging to have the Providence team come here for two games. The afternoon game will start at 3.15 o'clock, while the evening contest will start at 8.15. An amateur game will precede the evening clash.

Barney Doherty, the veteran of the league, and still one of the most aggressive performers in the harness will lead the greatly strengthened Providence team against Lowell tomorrow. Doherty was formerly captain of the old Brockton team, but was traded to Providence in the big three-cornered deal, which sent Cameron from Providence to Portland, Dufresne from the old Taunton team to Lewiston, and Doherty to the Rhode Island team. In taking charge of the team, Doherty immediately opened negotiations for new men, and he succeeded in landing Thompson, the hardest driver in the league, and one of the fastest men in the business. With Pence at goal, Muirhead at centre and Kehoe in the rush line, the visitors will present a very strong line up.

# PROVIDENCE WINS FROM LOWELL, 6 TO 4

**Polo League Standing**

| | Won | Lost | P.C. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lowell | 15 | 9 | 62.5 |
| Providence | 12 | 9 | 57.1 |
| Lawrence | 11 | 12 | 47.8 |
| Worcester | 10 | 11 | 47.6 |
| Lewiston | 10 | 13 | 43.5 |
| Portland | 7 | 12 | 36.8 |

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 31.—Providence defeated Lowell here Saturday night, 6 to 4, in one of the roughest and at the same time best played games of the season. The locals outplayed the league leaders by a bigger margin than the score indicated, but Purcell had a wonderful night in the goal. The ball was packed. The lineup, score and summary:

| Providence | | Lowell |
|---|---|---|
| Kehoe, 1r | | 1r, Oldham |
| Thompson, 2r | | 2r, Harkins |
| Muirhead, c | | c, Griffith |
| Doherty, hb | | hb, Fennell |
| Pence, g | | g, Purcell |

FIRST PERIOD

| Caged by | Won by | Time |
|---|---|---|
| Thompson, | Providence | .20 |
| Thompson, | Providence | 7.15 |
| Thompson, | Providence | 2.30 |
| Harkins, | Lowell | 1.20 |
| Harkins, | Lowell | .10 |
| Kehoe, | Providence | 2.35 |

SECOND PERIOD

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Thompson, | Providence | 3.05 |
| Harkins, | Lowell | 4.05 |

THIRD PERIOD

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Kehoe, | Providence | 13.45 |
| Oldham, | Lowell | 1.55 |

Score: Providence 6, Lowell 4. Rushes: Kehoe 13, Oldham 1. Fouls: Griffith, Harkins, Doherty. Stops: Purcell 54; Pence 41. Referee, Graham; timer, Perrin.

**POLO NOTES**

Two games tomorrow.

Fennell was back in the Lowell lineup Saturday night.

Lowell goes to Lawrence tonight, and many fans realizing the great rivalry between these teams, will accompany the locals to the down river city.

On Friday night, Lowell and Lawrence, the greatest rivals in the league, will meet. This game will start at 8.30 o'clock, with Jesse Burkett officiating.

Lowell's goal tender, Purcell, is a modest chap, and does not resort to the spectacular stunts, but he gets them just the same. He's a fine player, and his work has been a big factor in Lowell's success. It is said that he plays his best game away from home.

The Lewiston Journal in describing the opening game there the other night says:

Harkins and Cusick played brilliant games, the former in the rush position, and the latter at halfback.

Purcell, goal tender for the Lowell bunch was as busy as that well-remembered paperhanger, stopping the lightning drives of the Lewiston sharpshooters. It is to his credit that no more than five evaded his watchful eye and padded person.

Jack O'Brien, the local star, pulled some big league stuff that had the fans up out of their seats at times! Absolutely fearless, he jumped into the drives of the opposing rushes times and again. The Lowell offensive had hard work to get working effectively because of this gentleman's eagle eye and courageous feet.

Altho Hart was outrushed by Oldham o the Lowell five, he had a superior hooking motion that took the ball away from his opponents, and this peculiar motion was responsible for Lewiston's second goal. Manager McHugh was well satisfied with the attendance considering the short time in which he had to advertise the game.

John Carrigan, the former American league star, refereed the game satisfactorily.

Lewiston is in for a winter of interesting sport unless all signs fail.

**STANDING OF TEAMS IN KITTREDGE'S UNION LEAGUE—INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES**

The following is the standing of the teams in Kittredge's Minor league, also the individual averages:

| | Won | Lost | P. C. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Strand | 28 | 12 | 70.0 |
| Boulger's | 28 | 12 | 70.0 |
| Congress A. C. | 26 | 14 | 65.0 |
| Kittredge's | 21 | 19 | 52.5 |
| Baldwins | 20 | 0 | 50.0 |
| Mohigans | 17 | 23 | 42.5 |
| Premiers | 16 | 21 | 40.0 |
| Centuckets | 5 | 35 | 12.5 |

Individual averages:

Lunn 105.1; Gill 103.2, Mahoney 102.7, Brock 101.15, Pope 100.5, Bradbury 100, Rourke 100, Ringwood 99.22, Bowers 99.18, Riley 99.15, McElroy 99.13, Curtin 98.15, Reynolds 98.11, Simard 98.10, Davis 97.17, Holland 97.12; Prescott 97.9, Finnegan 97.5, Patrick 97.3, Shepard 97.3, Chase 96.23, Ellis 96.3, Kirane 96.2, Burtt 95.26, McGaulflin 95.15, Burke 95.15, Clegg 95.9, Dean 94.24, Maloney 94.9, White 94.4, Eklund 93.20, Richardson 93.6, Hulmes 93.6, Hornstein 93.5, Silcox 93, Couture 92.29, Bailey 92.9, Eastham 92.4, Carty 92.1, Bertwistle 91.4, Sheehan 91.2, Wilkinson 90.7, Donahoe 90.1.

**City Union League**

The Highland Daylights are the topnotchers in the City Minor league with the Crescents a close second. L'Heraux with an average of 108 is high man in the individual averages. The standing of the teams and individual averages follow:

| | Won | Lost | Pinfall |
|---|---|---|---|
| High. Daylights | 23 | 9 | 11,724 |
| Crescents | 21 | 7 | 10,402 |
| Spindle City | 16 | 16 | 11,545 |
| Kittredge | 14 | 14 | 10,147 |
| Gem | 15 | 17 | 11,537 |
| Middlesex | 14 | 18 | 11,465 |
| Bridge Street | 13 | 15 | 10,151 |
| Jewels | 4 | 21 | 9,814 |

Individual averages:

L'Heraux 108, Houston 102.1, Hosmer 101.19, Belleisle 100.15, Chapman 100.12, King 100.4, Geoffin 100.2, Sullivan 100, McLaughlin 99.14, Morgan 99.2, Louzier 99.1, Quinn 98.9, Lyness 98.6, Dooley 97.16, McDermott 97.14, Desrosier 97.7, Peabody 97.6, Manning 96.15, Kerane 96.13, Bailey 96.11, Lane 96.4, Finnegan 96.3, Pierce 96, Boucher 95.15, Camerson 95.15, Gill 95.14, Vincent 95.13, Lord 95.3, Riley 95.2, Carr 94.10, Vezina 93.13, Lacournane 92.11, Rourke 92.8, Brown 91.8.

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**LIEUT. TESCHNER, FORMER HARVARD SPRINTER, NOW AT AYER TO UNDERGO OPERATION**

AYER, Dec. 31.—Lieut. Edward Teschner, former Harvard sprinter and captain of the track team, will be unable to represent Camp Devens, as planned, in the Millrose Athletic association track meet in New York on Jan. 23. He will undergo an operation for appendicitis sometime this week. Teschner had been selected as a member of the relay team.

**BIG ATHLETIC MEET**

Plans are under way for the holding of a big athletic meet in this city next month, under the direction of S. Wales Dixon, representing the war department on training camp activities in community organization. While the complete program has not yet been arranged, it is planned to have a number of athletic events and several boxing bouts. Athletes from the Y.M.C.A. and the high school will compete, but the greater number of the events will be supplied by men now stationed at Camp Devens, Ayer. At the camp are many famous college men, and they are in great condition for track events. The athletic instructor of the camp is very enthusiastic over the proposed meet, and promises Mr. Dixon his co-operation in arranging the details. A meeting of the committee in charge of the meet will be held at the war work headquarters on Wednesday afternoon, at 3.30 o'clock.

# NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

Mohamed Jamel was arraigned before Judge Enright in police court this morning on a complaint charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon on Hamed Ali on Dec. 23d. It is alleged that the defendant shot the complainant during a party in Perry's court off Middlesex street and it was necessary to take the victim to a hospital. Owing to the condition of Ali the case was continued until January 14th.

Armand Rochefort, aged 17 years, who raised a disturbance in the Royal theatre, last Friday night, admitted his guilt and was ordered to pay a fine of $10.

Hormisdas Houle entered a plea of guilty to a complaint charging him with being drunk. It was his third appearance during the year and owing to the fact that he had promised to pay a fine of $10 and failed to do so the court gave him a good lecturing. Owing to extenuating circumstances and upon the defendant promising to do better in the future the court allowed Houle to depart after a fine of $10 was paid.

Michael and James Kacinski, brothers, were charged with being drunk, but at the request of the government the cases were continued until next Saturday.

## REPORT OF DEATHS

**For the Week Ending Dec. 29, 1917**

Dec.
20—James J. Sullivan, 42, pulm. tuberculosis.
Marietta M. Calnan, 24, phthisis.
James Bowen, 63, chr. nephritis.
21—Terrence J. Gilligan, 32, nephritis.
Elizabeth Dallagher, 63, cer. hemorrhage.
Denis Depocher, 60, sarcoma of jaw.
Mary Gaffney, 78, arterio-sclerosis.
22—George A. Willson, 50, chr. valv. heart disease.
Antonio Ferreira, 32, septic peritonitis.
Bernard Brady, 46, locomotor ataxia.
Thomas J. Trainor, 32, pulm. tuberculosis.
Ruth Thellen, 8 m., ac. bronchitis.
Ellen McCormack, 44, chr. nephritis.
23—Mary Sharrow, 63, arterio-sclerosis.
24—Pasqualli Antonelli, 26, embolic pneumonia.
Alme Daigle, 55, chr. int. nephritis.
Sarah G. Stone, 77, old age.
25—Michalina Urban, 26, mit. regurgitation.
Alexata Gatzjimas, 4 m., meningitis
Pierre Rouleau, 57, enteritis.
Thomas Gaynor, 1 m, gastro-enteritis.
Mary Barczyg, 7, gunshot wound of head.
Bridget Moriarty, 41, carcinoma.
R. Donald Harvey, 14, ac. endocarditis.
Flavie Preston, 66, arterio-sclerosis.
William H. Lathrop, 77, myocarditis.
Bertha O'Keefe, 3 m., malnutrition
Joseph Foisy, 10 min., prem. birth
26—Adeline Therien, 66, cer. hemorrhage.
Lawrence J. Tighe, 65, bronchitis.
Frederick O. Colbath, 42, bronchopneumonia.
Thomas J. Gleason, 57, chr. myocarditis.
27—Gabriella A. Jesus, 4 d., prem. birth.
Marya Lebednik, 6 m., gastro-enteritis.
Andrew Touchette, 86, cancer.
James Morris, 76, senility.

Stephen Flynn, City Clerk.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO CUT 220 CORDS OF WOOD**

DURHAM, N. H., Dec. 31.—Prof. K. W. Woodward of New Hampshire college, who is in charge of the Christmas vacation wood-cutting plan of students and faculty said today that he had received assurances that at least 220 cords of firewood would be cut and that he hoped that the amount would reach 300 cords. The volunteer choppers are scattered over six counties of the state.

**FOUND DEAD IN BED**

Elzear Prince, aged 40 years, was found dead in his bed at the home of his brother, Lorenzo Prince in Smith avenue, Chelmsford, this morning, death being due to natural causes. Deceased had been ill for some time, but his condition was not thought serious. The remains were viewed by Medical Examiner T. B. Smith. Deceased is survived by his wife, a daughter, Miss Edna Prince; two brothers, Michel and Lorenzo and two sisters, Octavie and Amanda Prince.

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MEXICO WILL NOT STICK KNIFE INTO UNCLE SAM'S BACK

Mexico is smiling upon the United States again—like this, one of her typical daughters. Inset is a portrait of General Alvaro Obregon, who says America need fear no treachery from Mexico.

BY CAPT. JOHN T. NEVILLE,

(Former Mexican Revolutionist)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec.—Mexico will not stick a knife into Uncle Sam's back while he has his face and fists turned toward Germany.

For that you have now the word of Gen. Alvaro Obregon, long and often called the strongest man in Mexico since the elder Diaz, Carranza's former war minister, his right hand man, and perhaps in many things his boss.

Mexico may not enter the world war on America's side—probably will not, for some time at least. But neither will she jump into it on the side of America's foes—and in that pledge is great and heartening reassurance.

It is probably the most important pledge America has received since the state of war with Germany was declared.

Citizen America, preoccupied with Europe, may have forgotten about Mexico. But official America has not. The "Mexican problem" is not solved. It is abeyance.

Four years ago American soldiers were killed in the streets of Vera Cruz, and war with Mexico appeared just around the corner.

A year and a half ago practically all of the armed forces of the United States, guardsmen as well as regulars, were along the Mexican border or penetrating Mexican territory. The massacre of Parral made American occupation of Mexico seem a foregone conclusion.

Then the clouds in the south rolled away—or were pushed back—and America entered the big storm. Soon the rank and file of Americans forgot there was such a country as Mexico, or had ever been a Mexican problem.

But Washington did not forget. And later the nation as a whole shared Washington's uneasiness—but only for a while—when it was revealed the strangely deluded Zimmerman, then German foreign secretary, had calmly proposed Mexico and Japan join Germany in conquering and partitioning the United States, and had promised Mexico Arizona, California, New Mexico and part of Texas—all the territory that changed hands in the Mexican war—as new Mexican provinces a la Alsace-Lorraine.

Mexico has been the asylum for Germans fleeing this country. Would their intrigue, fanning Zimmerman's promises into flame, throw a revengeful Mexico on America's flank while America was bridging the Atlantic with her ships and arms, and thus perhaps cut in half the military effectiveness of the United States on the fields of France?

Under the surface of Washington political life have been, therefore, until recently two big Mexican question marks:

Will Mexico remain neutral?

Will Mexico continue to furnish oil for Britain's battle fleet?

Gen. Obregon's neutrality pledge, given me in San Francisco where he came for business and perhaps political conferences (though he would not admit the latter) finally clinches the greater feeling of security Washington has been feeling in regard to the first question of neutrality because of reassuring reports from Ambassador Fletcher and other agents. The German refugees from the United States will not be able to bring Mexico down upon Uncle Sam's back.

And, on the second point, the supply of Mexican oil for England's battle fleet is to flow on without interruption. Gen. Obregon gave me his promise on that—and his promise is worth more than that of any other man in Mexico.

Should the Mexican banditti by any coup grasp the great Tampico field, Carranza's whole army will be used to recover it. But rebels will never control the field—not even for a single day—says Obregon.

"Is Mexican sentiment in favor of the allies?" I asked the general.

"There is a diversity of opinion," he replied. "Mexicans like all foreigners who behave. But as a whole I believe the people favor the allies. Official Mexico favors neutrality."

"Do Mexicans like the English?" he was asked.

"Yes."

"The Germans?"

"Oh yes."

"French?"

"Oh, the French!" responded the Mexican leader quickly. "All of us like the French. France has for years been the friend of Mexico."

It was the only point where he let his mantle of diplomacy slip aside. I had touched on the heartstrings of the Mexican people.

France has never missed an opportunity to show Mexico her good will. Few cities in the southern republic are without a monument of French generosity—a statue, maybe only a beautiful street light.

The silver mounted swords of Mexican officers are a present from France. The army uses French artillery, and French military academies train many Mexican army officers.

The general was ill in bed at the time of the interview, but when France was mentioned he propped himself up and waved the stump of the arm shattered by a Villista shell at the battle of Trinidad.

In an instant he had revealed where the sympathy of all Mexico lies. France is the key to the situation.

Obregon declared Mexico's neutrality would never be permitted to be violated by German agents.

"Of course there are Germans in Mexico," he replied. "But they must be law-abiding if they remain. They have a right to express their opinions but they must commit no overt acts."

"Would Mexico permit United States soldiers again to cross the border and attack Villa?" I asked him.

"That depends," he said, "on whether your country first obtained permission."

# NEW YORK TO WELCOME THE NEW YEAR

NEW YEAR, Dec. 31.—The New Year will be welcomed in New York after the fashion of former years, except that tonight the war promises to place its stamp of moderation on the convivality of the celebrants. Hotels and restaurants will entertain many guests but the menu cards in most instances offer nothing that does not bear the stamp of the food administrator's approval. High prices for wines and the 1 o'clock closing order indicate that the New Year's toasts will be drunk in less generous proportions.

Watch parties and entertainments for soldiers and sailors have been arranged in greater number than before America entered the war. At Old Trinity church and St. Patrick's cathedral the chimes will welcome the new year with the Star Spangled Banner and other patriotic airs. This spirit of victory will also be carried out in the musical program at other churches where prayers for the success of the American arms will be offered.

The largest of the many entertainments for visiting service men will be a dance at the Grand Central palace under the auspices of the war camp community service.

**BOSTON TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE—WATCH NIGHT SERVICES IN CHURCHES**

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—In spite of wartime conditions and record-breaking cold weather, Boston will celebrate New Year's eve much as usual. There will be elaborate dinners and dances at many hotels, as well as a large variety of society, club and private entertainments. Watch night services will be held in many churches.

# ELEVATED CAR HANGS IN AIR

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Twenty-two passengers and the crew of a five-car elevated train were badly shaken up and the lives of 13 passengers in a surface car on a track below were endangered when the rear trucks of the first car on the former left the tracks near the Dudley street terminal yesterday morning.

Motorman J. A. Farrenden, 9 Pennsylvania avenue, Somerville, who was operating the train, and H. F. Driscoll, 17 Walnut street, Charlestown, guard on the first car, remained at their posts and prevented any of the terrified passengers from making a rush for the doors. Their presence of mind and the aid given by the other guards, E. Procter, 20 Bow street, Medford; C. R. Hazlett, 125 Monument street, West Medford, and W. S. Ray, 28 Haverhill St. Charlestown, prevented a panic. Among the passengers were five policemen, who were en route to their homes after reporting off duty.

The train plowed up the incoming track and guard rail for more than 50 feet, and the rear end of the first car hung in balance over the outer edge of the broken guard rail. Below there was a surface "snake" car with passengers on route to their work.

For a while there was pandemonium in the lower car. The occupants, attracted by the noise above, looked up and saw the wavering derailed coach. To them it appeared as thought it would fall momentarily and crush them. Their fears had all the more reason for foundation by the iron bolts and broken glass which fell about them.

In the meanwhile the passengers in the elevated train were just as excited. The minute the five cars stopped there was a rush toward the doors but the guards cautioned all to remain quiet and the policemen did likewise.

Members of the train's crew assisted the passengers to the boardwalk alongside the track and then to the station platform. The accident happened at 7 o'clock and the track was blocked until noon.

The train was approaching the "inward-bound" station platform when the accident happened. Motorman Farrenden had reduced the power so that the speed was hardly more than six miles an hour as the train rounded the loop track.

Just as the truck of the first car entered Switch 5 there was a grinding sound, and before the motorman could bring the train to a stop the rear truck had jumped the tracks.

Officials of the Boston Elevated said that they have no idea what caused the truck to jump the rails.

## LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

On the petition of Regina Dupres of Lowell, in said County, the wife of Regis Dupres, now of residence unknown, representing that her said husband fails without just cause to furnish suitable support for her, and praying that said Court will, by its order, prohibit her said husband from imposing any restraint on her personal liberty, and make such other order as it deems expedient concerning her support, and the care, custody and maintenance of the minor children of herself and her said husband, and also praying that an attachment of the goods and estate of her said husband may be made to secure the decree which said petitioner may obtain for such support, and especially his goods and estate in the hands and possession of Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, trustee of her said husband, it is ordered that the petitioner give notice to the said Regis Dupres to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of January A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, by delivering to him a copy of this order fourteen days, at least, before said Court, if he may be found within this Commonwealth, that he may then and there show cause, if any he has, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted; or, if he shall not be so found, by delivering to him such copy wherever found, or by leaving such copy at his usual place of abode, or by mailing the same to him at his last known post-office address fourteen days, at least, before said Court; and also, unless it shall be made to appear to the Court by affidavit that he has had actual notice of the proceedings, by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

And in order to secure to the petitioner, and to such children as may be committed to her care and custody, a suitable support and maintenance, the sheriffs of the several counties, or either of their deputies, are hereby directed to attach the real and personal estate of the said Regis Dupres to the amount of three hundred dollars, and especially his goods, effects and credits in the hands and possession of the said trustee; and to summon the said trustee if it be found in his precinct, by serving it with an attested copy of this order fourteen days, at least, before said return day, to appear before said Court, to be held as aforesaid, to show cause, if any it has, why execution to be issued upon such decree as the said Court may make in favor of said petitioner (if any) should not issue against the goods, effects and credits of the said Regis Dupres in the hands and possession of the said supposed trustee.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of Sidney J. Lyon, late of Pelham, in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, deceased, or in the personal property hereinafter described, and to the Tax Commissioner for said Commonwealth.

Whereas, Annie B. Lyon, appointed executrix of the will of said deceased, by the Probate Court for the County of Hillsborough, in the State of New Hampshire, has presented to said Court her petition representing that as such executrix she is entitled to certain personal property situated in said Commonwealth, to wit:

Deposit in The Central Savings Bank, Mechanics Savings Bank and The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, all in Lowell, in said County of Middlesex, and praying that she may be licensed to receive or to sell by public or private sale on such terms and to such person or persons as she shall think fit—or otherwise to dispose of, and to transfer and convey such estate.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the second day of January A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by delivering a copy of said citation to the Tax Commissioner for said Commonwealth fourteen days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

d17, 24, 31

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of S. Isabelle Willey, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased:

Whereas, Francis M. Qua, the trustee under the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of his trust under said will:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the fourth day of January A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said trustee is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

d22, 24, 31.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the trusts under the will of S. Isabelle Willey, late of Lowell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by John T. Masterson of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, praying to be appointed trustee under the will of said deceased, which has been proven in said Court

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the ninth day of January A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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## HELP WANTED

LOOM FIXER, experienced, wanted on Wilton loom; state age, salary, experience. Address Price's Carpet & Rug News, 122 E. 25th St., New York.

YARN SUPERINTENDENT, experienced, wanted to take charge of yarn department in Wilson mill; state age, salary, experience; steady position. Address Price's Carpet & Rug News, 122 E. 25th St., New York.

SLYER SPINNERS, ring twisters, doffers, drawing machine tenders, redoublers and reelers, also learners, wanted for worsted mill near Lowell; good board at reasonable rate; accommodations for family help. Middlesex Service Bureau, 398 Middlesex st.

TWO LADIES and two men wanted for canvassing house to house. You can earn $5.00 daily; no experience necessary. Write I-37, Sun Office.

WOMAN, middle aged, wanted for light housekeeping; no cooking. Apply 2 East Bleachery st.

TABLE GIRL wanted, reliable; good pay. Apply 282 Appleton st.

BOY wanted, used to horses, at M. J. Cahill's Horseshoe Shop, Market st.

LOWELL Government Clerk Examinations January 5th; $100 month; thousands wanted; sample questions free. Franklin Institute, Dept. 171 L, Rochester, N. Y.

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## LOST AND FOUND

LIGHT PINK SILK BAG lost Saturday night. Reward at 7 Bleachery st.

BUNCH OF KEYS lost in Merrimack River Savings Bank Bldg. Reward if returned to 169 Middlesex st.

GRAY KID POCKETBOOK lost, with small purse and bunch of keys inside. Return to Y.W.C.A.

WRIST WATCH, lady's, lost Friday noon between Curtin's barber shop and Nelson's store. Reward when returned to 10 Butler ave.

SILVER WATCH and pin lost between Wood's Jewelry store, city hall and gas office. Please return to 24 Epping st.

HANDBAG lost on Whipple st. Wednesday morning. Reward if returned to 1132 Mammoth Road.

MALE TOY POODLE lost; very small; long white hair; no collar. Reward at 107 Holyrood ave.

## BUSINESS CHANCES

$480 WILL BUY a business where you can employ from 6 to 8 men and derive an income from $100 to $125 per week. H. Boardman, Richardson Hotel. Call from 6 to 9 p. m.

## FOR SALE

FIVE HORSES and five sleighs for sale. J. H. Flynn, 137 Gorham st.

PLATE GLASS MIRRORS of all sizes for sale at 123 Central st.

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## SPECIAL NOTICES

M. I. FEENEY—Pianos and furniture moving. 16 Kinsman st., Tel. 5475-W.

THE RACKET STORE—Everything in the line of Christmas presents for both young and old. Toys for the children, also all kinds of articles for the house, at prices that will satisfy every customer. We have a full line of china, glass, crockery, knives, forks, pots, pans, kettles, hardware, brooms, curtains, lamps and anything you can think of in the line of knickknacks at lowest prices. Call and be convinced. The Racket Store, 423 Central st. George Ablijian, Prop.


**NO CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE**

The inquest report on the death of Joseph F. Mogan, aged 34 years, an employe of the Bay State Street Railway company, who was struck down by an automobile truck operated by Joseph Burke, and died later of the injuries received, was submitted by Judge Pickman to the local court today. The finding shows that no criminal negligence is attached to the operator of the machine.

The finding concludes as follows:

"Upon all of the evidence heard by me I have reached the conclusion that said Joseph Burke, the operator of the truck is not criminally liable for the accident.

"I find that on Wednesday, the 28th day of November last past about half past seven o'clock in the evening that Joseph F. Mogan of said Lowell, while at work in the employ of the Bay State Street Railway company upon a cross-way between two tracks of said company on Central street, nearly opposite Jackson street, in said Lowell, was struck, thrown down and run over by a motor truck that was owned by John Burke & Sons, and that was operated by Joseph Burke of said Lowell, the duly licensed operator of said truck, who was in the employ of said John Burke & Sons, and that thereby said John F. Mogan sustained injuries that caused his death.

"I find that the death of said Joseph F. Mogan was not caused by the criminal negligence of said Joseph Burke, the operator of said car.

"Lowell, Mass., Dec. 29, 1917.

"Respectfully submitted.

"John J. Pickman.

"Senior Special Justice of the Police Court, of Lowell, and Acting."

**ARMY AND NAVY**

Dennis Malley of East Pepperell and Robert T. Brown of the local Y. M. C. A were sent to Boston this morning from the local navy recruiting station. Malley enlisted as a fireman, 3rd class, and Brown as an apprentice seaman.

The Boston navy district which includes Lowell enrolled a total of 74 men in the week ending Dec. 27th, and since the first of last April this district enlisted 5133 men.

A total of 156 men were enlisted in Lowell for the regular army in the month of December which averages up to about five men every day. In the preceding month only 45 men were enlisted.

The local army and navy stations will be closed all day tomorrow but Sergt. J. Healey of the British recruiting mission will be on hand at the war work headquarters during part of the day, at least.


## BOOTS AND SHOES

REMOVAL SALE—Biggest shoe bargains in Lowell. Entire stock of men's, women's and children's boots and shoes. See John Press, formerly 338A Middlesex st., now at new store, 600 Middlesex st.

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QUINN STOVE REPAIR CO., 148 Gorham st., carries in stock, linings, grates, water fronts, and other parts to fit all stoves and ranges. Work promptly attended to. Tel. 4170.

## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

SIX-ROOM COTTAGE for sale; good repair, new plumbing; situated near Back Central, Wamesit, Lawrence and Mill sts.; 7350 feet of land; assessed value, $2100; price $1450, $450 down, balance in rent. Rare bargain. Paul Bogossian, 218 Bradley Bldg., 147 Central st. Tel. 1304.

2-FAMILY HOUSE for sale; very fine; near Broadway; 14 rooms, baths, open plumbing; $1700. 4-tenement house near Gorham st.; rents $500 yearly; $4000. Cottage of 6 rooms in Highlands, garden and poultry; $1700. Nice residence in upper Highlands, 8 rooms, steam, electric lights, verandas, sleeping porches. M. J. Sharkey, 219 Central.

TWO TENEMENT HOUSE with a large lot of land for sale; Rogers st. near Nesmith; this is one of the best locations in Belvidere; low price for a quick sale. Daniel J. O'Brien, 302 Wyman's Exchange.

## TO LET

WARM and BRIGHT; two 4-room cottages to let at 8 and 12 L st., off Coburn; one 5-room flat at 43 Prospect st; one 5-room flat at 131 Cushing st. Inquire of John O. Flynn, agent, 71 Chapel st. Tel. 3327-M.

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| To Boston Lve. | To Boston Arr. | Fr. Boston Lve. | Fr. Boston Arr. |
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| 5.38 | 6.50 | 2.55 | 3.38 |
| 6.25 | 7.26 | 6.00 | 7.08 |
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| 6.57 | 8.00 | nb8.21 | 9.34 |
| 7.22 | 8.05 | 9.00 | 9.39 |
| 7.56 | 8.57 | 9.30 | 10.09 |
| 9.01 | 9.42 | 11.30 | 12.09 |
| 9.48 | 10.37 | 12.30 | 1.09 |
| 10.19 | 11.13 | h1.05 | 1.58 |
| 11.06 | 11.48 | 2.15 | 3.10 |
| 12.16 | 1.06 | 2.00 | 3.51 |
| 1.43 | 2.35 | b3.44 | 5.09 |
| 2.45 | 3.41 | 4.00 | 4.39 |
| b3.30 | 4.10 | 5.00 | 5.39 |
| 3.56 | 4.38 | b5.21 | 6.37 |
| 4.15 | 5.28 | 5.33 | 6.30 |
| 5.31 | 6.31 | b5.51 | 7.10 |
| b6.09 | 7.16 | 6.14 | 7.23 |
| 6.23 | 7.05 | 8.00 | 8.39 |
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| 9.45 | 10.31 | 10.30 | 11.37 |
| | | 11.40 | 12.46 |

Portland Division

| To Boston Lve. | To Boston Arr. | Fr. Boston Lve. | Fr. Boston Arr. |
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| 10.58 | 12.07 | 3.29 | 4.41 |
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| 9.50 | 11.00 | 9.59 | 11.03 |

Sunday Trains Portland Division

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| 5.45 | 7.05 | 8.45 | 9.53 |
| 8.55 | 10.04 | | |

Sunday Trains Southern Division

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| 8.25 | 9.35 | 11.30 | 12.09 |
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b via Bedford; s via Salem jct. z via Wilmington jct. n not holidays. h Sat. only.

# CARMINI CHURCH PADUA, BOMBED

## Ancient Edifice, Containing Famous Frescoes, Center of Vast Conflagration

### Fire Started by Incendiary Bombs — Heavy Property Damage

PADUA, Italy, Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press)—The ancient monumental Carmini church of Padua, containing frescoes by Titian and Campagnola was the center of a vast conflagration last night which lighted up the skies for miles around. The fire started from incendiary bombs dropped by enemy airplanes in another raid which scattered widespread destruction and death.

The dome of the massive church burned throughout the night, making a majestic spectacle, but the solidity of the ancient walls dating from 1250 and the copper roof saved the main structure and paintings from destruction. The bomb hit the outer edge of the dome which was soon a fiery furnace rising 160 feet in the center of the city.

**Children Buried in Ruins**

One building was pierced from top to bottom and torn to pieces by a bomb which buried four persons, three of whom were children. The church of San Valentine and the ancient palace were hit and partly wrecked. Other private buildings also were struck.

While destruction of property was great, reports indicate the loss of life was not as severe as on Friday night.

The correspondent today visited the Carmini church. The famous frescoes were intact. The altar was covered with wreckage but the walls and roof had not been damaged greatly.

A number of hangings and tapestries were burned by red hot metal from the roof. The tall Campanile was saved and the bells were ringing today. A monument to Petrarch in an adjoining square was scorched and surrounded by debris from collapsed houses.

The frescoes saved were the meeting of Joachim and Anna by Titian and the Birth of Christ and the Adoration of the Magi by Campagnola. The Carmini church was erected to commemorate the end of the brutal tyranny of one of the Hohenstauffen chiefs who raided northern Italy 700 years ago.

Holy Name social and dance, Associate hall, Wednesday evening, Jan. 2.

### THRILLING LECTURE AT STRAND THEATRE NEXT FRIDAY FOR WAR WORK FUND

The secret intrigues of the German embassy and the truth regarding the subtle German propaganda will be told at the Strand theatre next Friday, January 4, from 11.15 a. m. to 1 p. m. The stories of the unearthing of the German intrigues in this country, as carried out by John R. Rathom of the Providence Journal will be told by Arthur Fairbrother who is associated with Mr. Rathom on the Providence Journal, and who also was associated with Mr. Rathom in the pursuit of that work. Mr. Fairbrother is a brilliant speaker and in giving the story is able to also lend it a personal touch, the result of his experiences. Mr. Fairbrother was formerly connected with the Boston Post and also did considerable work for Mr. Rathom. Later he became associated with Mr. Rathom.

Many have been thrilled by the stories which they have read from time to time, yet startling and thrilling as the facts are that have been printed in relation to this work carried on by Mr. Rathom, more is given in the story of Mr. Fairbrother. It is in fact a statement of facts more thrilling than any adventure of Sherlock Holmes, and a story which should arouse the American public to its dangers.

Mr. Rathom is now giving practically all his time to the government and therefore Mr. Fairbrother associated with him gives the story to the public.

The lecture is being given for the benefit of the War Relief Work and the patrons include: Messrs. Austin Chadwick, F. C. Church, Harry Dunlap, A. J. Fay, F. A. Flather, Julian Keyes, A. G. Pollard, Harry Pollard, D. L. Page, Arthur Prince, Harry Rice, John Sawyer, A. W. Thompson, Perry Thompson and Larkin Trull.


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HALE HOLDEN

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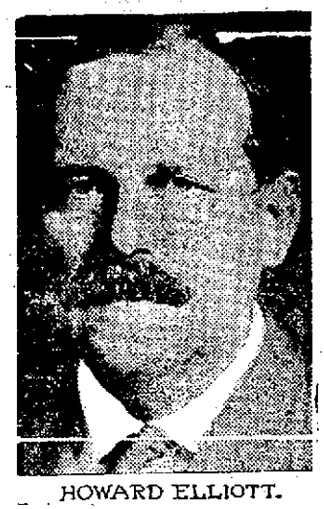

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SAMUEL RAE

President of the Pennsylvania lines, represents all lines east of Chicago, north of the Ohio and Potomac, excluding New England.

# PROTEST INCREASE IN PRICE OF MILK

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—A protest against any increase in the price of milk in this city is contained in a letter sent to J. Frank O'Hare, representative of organized labor on the executive council of the state committee on public safety, by Edward F. McGrady, president of the Boston Central Labor union. The letter asks Mr. O'Hare to appear today before the federal milk commission for New England, which has been conducting hearings and to express the opinion of labor men that any advance would be unwarranted and that "the poor could not stand it."

# 5 GERMAN AIRPLANES WRECKED BY BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Five German airplanes were destroyed or put out of action yesterday by the British, who lost none of theirs.

"Two hostile machines were brought down in our lines on Saturday," says an official statement given out here last night. "A third was brought down in the enemy's lines. Two other hostile machines were driven down out of control. None of our airplanes are missing."

# Y. M. C. A. BUILDING AT PORTSMOUTH BURNED

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 31.—The three-story brick building occupied by the Young Men's Christian association and Samuel Cohen, a merchant, was destroyed early today by fire which started from a defective flue in the association's quarters on the second floor. A number of naval officers and marines who were sleeping in rooms on the upper floor fought the flames before the firemen arrived but nothing was saved. With a temperature of 20 degrees below zero little headway could be made by the firemen although the flames were confined to the building, only the walls of which were left standing. The loss was estimated at $55,000, of which $5000 was sustained by Cohen.

### 211 DEMOCRATS, AND 209 REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE NEXT YEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—How close the political balance in the house will be when congress reconvenes on Jan. 3, is shown by this summary made by South Trimble, clerk of the house: Total membership 435; democrats 211; republicans 209; independent group 6; vacancies 9.

## FUNERALS

**LAMSBROU**—The funeral of Evangeline Lamsbrou took place Saturday afternoon from the chapel of James F. O'Donnell & Sons. Services were held at the Holy Trinity Greek church at 2 o'clock. Rev. Nestor Sousilides officiating. The burial was in Westlawn cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell and Sons.

**GUNN**—The funeral services of Miss Agnes C. Gunn were held at the rooms of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck, Saturday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. James M. Craig. The bearers were Francis Whiteley, Michael Kenney, Frank D. Klock and Francis Whiteley, Jr. Burial was in the family lot in the Edson cemetery, where prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Craig.

**KELPIN**—The funeral of John Kelpin took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the rooms of Undertakers Peter H. Savage. The bearers were Peter McGauvran, Albert Culbert, Mathew Rock and Charles W. Page. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Kerrigan read the committal prayers. Undertakers Peter H. Savage had charge of the funeral arrangements.

**CARLSON**—The funeral services of Ralph Gordon Carlson were held yesterday afternoon at the home of his parents, 55 Fay street, at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. Nathaniel W. Matthews, pastor of the First Primitive Methodist church, officiated. Burial took place in the family lot in Westlawn cemetery, where the committal service was read by Rev. Mr. Matthews. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

**DINNEGAN**—The funeral of Charles Dinnegan took place yesterday afternoon from his home, 146 Wrightman street, at 1 o'clock. At St. John's church, North Chelmsford, services were celebrated by Rev. John Healey at 1.15 o'clock. The bearers were John O'Heir, John McCarty, Walter McCarty and Leo McCarty. Burial was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers O'Connell & Mack had charge of the funeral arrangements.

**BOVILLA**—The funeral services of W. John Bovilla were held at the home of his sister, Mrs. Margaret Montgomery, 4 Clinton avenue, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services were conducted by Mr. Alexander of the Gospel Mission church. The bearers were Messrs. George Spence, Richard Robertson, Robert Stead and James Spence. Burial was in the family lot in the Edson cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck.

**KERSHAW**—The funeral services of John Kershaw took place Saturday afternoon at his home, 102 Epping st. The services were conducted by Rev. John Singleton, pastor of the Primitive Methodist church. The bearers were Messrs. Winfred Scott Gill, James Scott, Augustive Linden and Joseph Gargan. Burial was in the family lot in Westlawn cemetery, where the committal prayers were read at the grave by Rev. Mr. Singleton. The funeral was under the direction of Undertakers Higgins Bros.

**PARKER**—The funeral services of Mrs. Catherine G. Parker took place at her home in Billerica Centre yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. William R. Walsh, pastor of the Unitarian church of Billerica Centre, officiating. The bearers were Messrs. Stephen Parker, Fred Parker, Herbert Jacobs, F. G. Farquhar, George N. Parker and S. D. Tucker. Burial was in the family lot in the Corner cemetery, where the burial service was read by Rev. Mr. Walsh. The funeral was under the direction of Undertakers Young & Blake.

**WILSON**—The funeral services of Jonas W. Wilson were held at his home, 386 Westford street, yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Arthur S. Beale, pastor of the Highland Congregational church. A delegation was present from Pentucket Lodge of Masons and Post 155, G.A.R. The bearers were Messrs. Fred L. Fletcher, Louis F. Munroe, John G. Parker and George A. Maher, all of whom represented the Sons of Veterans. Burial was in the family lot in the Lowell cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck.

**KEOHANE**—The funeral of Timothy Keohane, took place this morning from the home of his parents, Timothy and Catherine Keohane, 128 Agawam street at 8 o'clock and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends. At the Sacred Heart church a funeral high mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Mahan, O.M.I. Seated within the sanctuary were Rev. John J. Flynn, O.M.I., pastor, and Rev. Bernard Fletcher, O.M.I. There were many beautiful floral offerings. The bearers were Thomas Sheehan, Daniel Sheehan, Timothy Sheehan, Timothy Sheehan, Jas. Carragher and John Connolly. Burial took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. John J. Flynn, O.M.I., read the committal prayers assisted by Rev. John Mahan, O.M.I., at the grave. Undertakers O'Connell & Mack in charge of the funeral arrangements.

## FUNERAL NOTICES

**BRIERLEY**—Died Dec. 29th, in this city, very suddenly, William H. Brierley, aged 62 years, 7 months and 19 days, at his home, 74 South Loring street. Funeral services will be held at 74 South Loring street Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice, burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

**BRIERLEY**—Died Dec. 29, in this city, at his home, 74 South Loring street, William H. Brierley, (suddenly,) aged 62 years, 7 months and 19 days. Funeral services will be held at 74 South Loring street Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Friends invited without further notice. Burial private. Funeral in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

**DONOVAN**—The funeral of Michael S. Donovan will take place Wednesday morning from his late home, 27 Clare street at 8 o'clock; high mass of requiem at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker Peter H. Savage in charge.

**MALONEY**—The funeral of Margaret Maloney will take place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the chapel of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons. Services to be held at the Immaculate Conception church at 3 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

**PRINCE**—The funeral of Elzear Prince will take place Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from the home of his brother in Smith avenue, Chelmsford. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertaker Napoleon Bilodeau.

**PICKERING**—Died Dec. 29, in this city, James W. C. Pickering, aged 73 years, 3 months, 28 days, at the home of his son, Herbert D. Pickering of 10 Ash street. The funeral services will be held at 10 Ash street Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Friends invited without further notice. Burial private. Please omit flowers. Funeral in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

**SULLIVAN**—The funeral of William Sullivan will take place Wednesday morning from his home, 154 South street at 8.45 o'clock. At St. Peter's church a funeral high mass of requiem will be celebrated at 9.45 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker O'Connell & Mack in charge.

**TRAINOR**—The funeral of Edward J. Trainor will take place on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock from his late home, 3 Goward's court. High mass of requiem will be sung at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

**WALSH**—The funeral of William H. Walsh will take place Wednesday morning at 8.45 o'clock from his home, No. 624 Broadway. A funeral mass will be sung by St. Patrick's church at 9.45 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

## DEATHS

**BRIERE**—Irene Briere, aged four months, infant daughter of Andrew and Eva Briere, died yesterday at the home of her parents, 267 Pawtucket street.

**BELLIS**—Christiana Bellis, aged 35 years, died yesterday noon at the Chelmsford street hospital. The body was removed to the rooms of Undertakers C. H. Molloy's Sons.

**GEMAL**—Refat Gemal, aged 21 years, died yesterday at St. John's hospital, after a short illness. The body was removed to the undertaking rooms of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son in Aiken street.

**LAMBROU**—Evangeline Lambrou, aged 23 years, died Saturday at the Lowell General hospital. She leaves three brothers. The body was taken to the rooms of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

**MALONEY**—Margaret Maloney, an old resident of Belvidere, died Sunday afternoon at her home, 239 Fayette street. She leaves one sister Ellen Maloney. The body was taken to the chapel of James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

**SULLIVAN**—William Sullivan, aged 29 years, died last evening at his home, 154 South street. He leaves his mother, Johanna; three children, Mary, John and William Sullivan; two brothers, Joseph and James F. and one sister, Elizabeth. He was a member of the Boilermakers union.

**TRAINOR**—Edward J. Trainor, aged 37 years, and a well known resident of this city, died yesterday morning at his home, 3 Goward's Court, after a short illness. He leaves a wife, Nellie; two brothers, John J. and Frank Trainor, and one sister, Mrs. Annie Joyce.

**GILLIBRAND** — Douglas Gillibrand, aged 3 months, child of Ernest and Frances Gillibrand, died at the Lowell General hospital, yesterday. The body was removed to the home of the parents, 213 West Manchester street. He leaves besides his parents, one sister, Mona Gillibrand.

**COTE**—Isaac Cote, one of the oldest residents of the city, died Saturday night at his home, 57 Alma street, aged 83 years. Besides his wife, he is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Rosalie Thibeault of Canada; Mrs. Emelie Couture, Mrs. Louise Gregoire, Mrs Diana Desjardins, Mrs. Helen Lamontagne and Mrs. Eugenie Lavoie, and four sons, Arthur, Frank, Edward and David.

**WALSH**—William H. Walsh, an esteemed member of St. Patrick's church and for a number of years a valued employee of the Lamson Store Service Co., died early this morning at his home 624 Broadway. He leaves a daughter, Miss Mollie J. Walsh, three brothers, Inspector John Walsh of the police department, Thomas and Edward Walsh, and four sisters, Mrs. James Tryon, Mrs. Robert J. Thomas, and the Misses Katherine and Charlotte Walsh.

**DONOVAN**—Michael S. Donovan, aged 45 years, died last evening at his home, 27 Clare street. He was a janitor at the Lincoln grammar school for a number of years and was well known throughout the city. He was a member of Division 1, A.O.H., and leaves a wife, Josephine; one daughter, Agatha; his mother, Margaret; two sisters, Helen and Mary, and six brothers, John, a corporal with Co. B, United States engineers, Daniel E. of the Lowell police department, Eugene H., Jeremiah F., Dennis H., and Joseph D., a letter carrier.


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Coke may be had at the following places to be carried from the yards by the customer in 2 bushel lots at 45c for 2 bushels.

Horne Coal Co., Thorndike and Hale Sts.; Stanley Coal and Transportation Co., Moody St.; S. W. Wiggin, First St.

And at the Gas Co. Works, School St., for 36c for 2 bushels.

This arrangement is made for the benefit of families having little or no storage room and such people are urged to buy their coke and coal in this way. Others are requested to buy in the regular way and small lots will not be sold to those who have ample storage facilities.

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### INAUGURAL EXERCISES

The inaugural exercises at city hall will be held Monday morning and Messenger Monahan has been instructed to get the aldermanic chamber in shape for the ceremony. The prayer at the exercises will be offered by Rev. Herbert E. Benton of the Grace Universalist church, while the oath of office will be administered to Mayor-elect Thompson by Judge T. J. Enright of the local police court.

Mayor-elect Thompson was at the meeting of the council this morning and after the meeting he informed the newspaper men present that he was not sending out any invitations for the inaugural exercises, although he expects a delegation of business men from Boston present.

### FROZEN PIPES RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRE IN TUCKER STREET THIS NOON

A fire which threatened to make dangerous headway broke out in the three-story tenement block at 44 Tucker street, corner of Ward street, shortly before 12.30 o'clock this afternoon. Some of the water pipes in the building were frozen and while a plumber was working on a pipe on the third floor he accidentally started a fire which spread through the partitions.

Although he endeavored to extinguish the fire it got beyond his control and when the smoke started to pour through the house an alarm was sent in from box 138. The damage by fire was slight, but it was necessary to rip away considerable of the partitions before the blaze was extinguished. The building is owned by Elie Delisle.

**Another Case**

Thawing out water pipes was also responsible for another fire today, it being in the house of George F. Libby at 98 Wannalancit street. A plumber was doing a job on pipes in the kitchen and started a fire which communicated to the flooring and worked its way through the partitions to the cellar. A telephone alarm was sent into the central fire station and the members of Engine 6 responded and had the blaze under control before any serious damage was done.


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# BOLSHEVIKI GOVERNMENT BASED ON REAL FORCE

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Bolshevik government is extremely efficient, energetic and decisive though faced by noisy opposition from the privileged classes, who are doing all they can to check it by sabotage and libel, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News. The correspondent, who has just returned to Petrograd after a lengthy visit in England, says that the city is more orderly than for some months before the Bolsheviki took control. He declares the government is based on real force.

An instance of anti-Bolshevik libels, the correspondent declares, is the assertion that they are refusing to permit the opening of the constituent assembly. He says the Bolsheviki have nothing against the opening of the assembly as soon as a quorum can be formed by the presence of 400 delegates. Up to Friday however, only 391 properly accredited delegates were in Petrograd.

The constituent assembly, the correspondent hears, will meet as soon as delegates from the Ukraine arrive, perhaps in ten days.

Any attempt to turn out the Bolshevik government by force would result only in anarchy favorable to the Germans, says the correspondent. He writes enthusiastically about Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik foreign minister who told him that the war would be decided by social rather than military pressure. Trotzky is quoted as saying:

"The German democracy looks to the Russian revolution. It is the recognition of this fact that compels the German government to accept Russian principles as the basis for negotiations."

Trotzky said the German offer was a victory for the democratic movement generally.

Pro-ally Russians, the correspondent of The Daily News says, feel that Germany's terms offered at Brest-Litovsk were for the purpose of confounding the allies and winning sympathy. The Russians oppose a separate peace but say the next word belongs to the allies.

**Russians Give Up Ships**

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 31.—Fourteen Austrian steamers seized by the Russians in the course of the war will be restored to their Austrian owners in keeping with an agreement reached at Brest-Litovsk, according to a despatch from Vienna. The gross tonnage of the steamers is 40,000.

**Bolshevik Revolt "Made In Germany"**

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Times prints a long letter from its Petrograd correspondent, dated Saturday, which purports to substantiate the view that the Bolshevik revolt was managed by Germany and that the movement is essentially anti-national and anti-Russian. The letter says:

"It is a notorious fact and has been proved by documents in possession of the Kerensky government that Germany commissioned Lenine and gave him money to go to Russia to sow dissatisfaction in the Russian army."

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# CENSORSHIP ON NAMES RELAXED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Revised regulations or requests to guide the American press in the voluntary censorship observed since the country went to war were issued last night by the committee on public information, to become effective Jan. 1. Several important changes have been made representing the lessons learned by the committee and the army and navy officers, since the first regulations were issued last June. Three of the original requests have been withdrawn. They are requests that nothing be published tending to disclose the names of line officers or individual units of the expeditionary forces, tending to disclose the identity of American merchant ships and their defending themselves against submarines or giving information relating to drydocks and repair and construction work. The committee issued this statement:

"The committee is requested by the war-making branches of the government to urge again upon the press the serious necessity for observing these requests. It is highly important that military information be kept out of print. The printed page forms a safe and easy method of communication for the enemy agent.

The committee is without legal authority or moral right to bring pressure on publications to enforce observation of these requests. These paragraphs embody what the military and naval experts of our country hold to be the minimum that can be asked, at this time, for the protection of our soldiers and sailors and the success of our military plans. For their observance the government relies implicitly upon the loyalty and judgment of the individual writer and publisher.

"In order that the American people may clearly understand why certain news does not appear in print, it is urged that these requests be printed in full."

### MORE COURT PROCEEDINGS

City Solicitor William D. Regan went to Boston this morning for the purpose of arguing the bill of exceptions filed with Justice Frederick N. Chase of the superior court in the case of Frederick W. Crocker et als vs. the city of Lowell.

The action was one of contract by which the plaintiffs sought to recover the sum of $10,000 paid the city of Lowell for taxes, the said amount being paid under protest. The case was tried before a jury at the civil session of the superior court and a verdict in the sum of $10,000 was rendered in favor of the plaintiffs. A bill of exceptions was filed and the arguments were heard this morning. James F. Owens appeared for the plaintiffs.

### FUNERAL OF THE LATE EDWARD DALTON TOOK PLACE THIS MORNING

The funeral of the late Edward Dalton, the veteran conductor of the Boston & Maine railroad took place this morning from his late home in Nesmith street and was largely attended by relatives and friends, among the latter being many of the older employes of the Boston & Maine, some of whom came a great distance to honor the memory of their beloved fellow-employe. Although a request had been made that no floral tributes be sent, many beautiful offerings surrounded the bier while many spiritual bouquets were offered. The funeral cortege upon leaving the residence proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church where, at 10 o'clock, solemn high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Owen McQuaid, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Lawrence F. Tighe, O.M.I., deacon; and Rev. Dennis J. Sullivan, O.M.I. sub-deacon. Assisting within the sanctuary were Rev. James J. McCartin, O.M.I., Rev. John O'Brian, O.M.I., Rev. P. J. Phelan, O.M.I., and Rev. John P. Flynn, O.M.I., of the Sacred Heart church. The music of the mass which was particularly impressive was given by an augmented choir that included nearly all of the soloists from the different Catholic church choirs of the city. At the conclusion of the mass a solo was rendered by Prof. P. P. Haggerty, aged 91 years, a life-long friend of the deceased. The interment took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery and was in charge of Undertaker James W. McKenna. The ushers at the house and church were Dr. William Collins, and Messrs. William L. Gookin, Charles P. Smith and Joseph Haggerty. The bearers were William Kearns, Thomas Welch, George Miller, Jeremiah Sullivan, Alvin Mooney and John Seeley.

## SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing, Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.

Hutchins Rubber Store, 214 Merrimack st., opp. St. Anne's church.

Professor P. G. Bond was introduced to the members of St. Anthony's church choir yesterday at the parochial residence by Bishop da Silva, pastor of St. Anthony's church. Prof. Bond is to direct the choir for the coming year.

A. W. Cooper, residing at 32 Warnock street, was taken from the waiting room in Merrimack square to St. John's hospital last night, suffering from a compound fracture of the right arm near the wrist. He sustained his injury while trying to board a moving car in Wigginville.

William Harmon, of 53 Stanley st. was struck by a motor truck belonging to the Billerica Express Co. in Merrimack square Saturday afternoon. The ambulance was called but his injuries were of a minor nature and he refused to go to the hospital. He went to his home where he received treatment.

A special effort is being made by Sergt. Edward Filmer, special recruiting officer of the 249th Canadian overseas battalion to bring into the organization as many natives of Manchester, England, as possible within the next few days. The officer has his headquarters at 119 Merrimack street, and he hopes that the men of Manchester, which is his native city, will respond to the call. The 249th battalion is the last voluntary battalion to be raised by Canada.

A little excitement was caused in Branch street, near Smith avenue, about midnight Saturday night when a car which had come down Coral street and had taken the cross-over into Branch street collided with another car. The glass in the rear vestibule was smashed and Conductor Joseph Verno suffered a slight injury. The four passengers on the car received a shaking up, but escaped injury.

The 400 or more employes of the bullet room of the United States Cartridge Co.'s plant in Lawrence street, where Fred Brinkman, the person who is suffering from smallpox, was employed, will all be vaccinated by order of the board of health. The vaccination will begin this evening. In addition the 25 people residing at 156 Appleton street, where Brinkman makes his home, will also be vaccinated. Brinkman was removed to the smallpox hospital in Chelmsford street yesterday and will remain there until all traces of the disease have disappeared. Brinkman came to Lowell from Fairfield, Me., three weeks ago.

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THE WEATHER

Fair tonight; Tuesday generally fair; slowly rising temperature; variable winds.

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# M'ADOO ACTS TO RELIEVE N. E. COAL SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Immediate measures will be taken to relieve the coal shortage in New England and in New York, Director-General McAdoo announced today. Orders, he said, will be issued before night giving to coal shipments preferential movement.

As a result of the conference with the director-general yesterday heads of agencies aiding in government operation of the railroads were ready with plans to bring about a speedy movement of fuel into the affected areas. Greater use of the water routes into New England from Hampton Roads probably will be made.

In addition to affecting a freer movement of coal the treatment of labor questions will be one of the chief problems to be dealt with by the director-general. While settlement of the demands for 40 per cent increase in wages is not looked for at this time, officials believe the government soon will consider favorably a plan for better pay.

Legislation for guaranteeing railroads compensation on the basis of pre-war earnings is expected to get under way in congress this week. President Wilson will probably go before congress Thursday with his recommendations along this line.

### Discuss Raise in Pay

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Plans for raising the pay of the rank and file of railway workers and reducing some of the very high salaries paid to executive officials were discussed today at a conference between Director-General McAdoo and the federal board of mediation and conciliation. The board now has before it the pending demands for wage increases, ranging as high as 40 per cent for the four great brotherhoods.

It has been well known for some time that the govenment was disposed to grant some increase and the railroad men in turn have given their word they will not attempt a strike while the government is taking hold of the railroad situation.

Possibilities that thousands of idle freight cars may be discovered in congested yards were seen today in reports reaching the interstate commerce commission.

Many inspectors reported strings of idle box cars on sidings while yard engines were unable to pull them out for lack of proper facilities. During the cold wave many locomotives have been disabled, although inspectors reported there was no reason why they should not have been kept in working order. Reports of shippers to commission officials tell of disabled engines lying idle in freight yards for weeks or months.

Among members of congress today, a fight was developing over whether legislation to carry out government operation should only be for the period of the war or should continue in effect until repealed by congress. Most railroad heads were said to be preparing to advocate vigorously a specific provision that the law should be effective for a maximum of six months after the end of the war.

### Railroad Investigation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Investigation of the railroad situation was resumed by the senate interstate commerce committee today with Chairman Hall of the interstate commerce commission explaining data showing the financial condition and expenditures of the carriers.

# NEW YEAR'S EVE IN LOWELL

Lowell will observe New Year's day tomorrow as a legal holiday for the second time.

No elaborate program has been arranged for the day itself but there will be a lot doing in the down town section of the city tonight, New Year's eve, and despite the war, cold weather, heatless days and other petty annoyances, the Spindle City's sons and daughters will make the passing of the old year anything but a sombre occasion. The hotels will have special programs for the evening—and morning—and the combination of good food, lively entertainment and general sociability will make the eating places scenes of pleasure this evening.

The theatres will offer special programs and some of them have arranged to give a performance late in the evening so that the audience will usher in the New Year while attending the theatre.

In many of the churches watch services will be held this evening and it is expected that the New Year will be ushered in with the customary ringing of chimes. A number of New Year's eve parties have been arranged here in the city and soldiers from Ayer have been invited to attend. It is not expected that there will be many of the uniformed men in town tonight because of their inability to get passes, for one reason, and also because of the fact that a number of good times have been arranged within the confines of the cantonment and these will serve to keep a large number of the men "at home."

One of these parties which is of special interest to Lowell is to be given by the Hartford council of the Knights of Columbus in honor of the ladies of the K. of C. guild of Lowell. The ladies of this guild have been going to the cantonment every Wednesday for the past several weeks for the purpose of doing sewing, mending, etc., for the men at the camp. Their services have been greatly appreciated and the soldiers wished to express their thanks in a tangible form.

As a result the Hartford, Conn., council suggested the idea of a New Year's eve party for the good women of the Spindle City to be given in one of the company's barracks at Camp Devens. The idea was taken up readily by the O. D. men and the outcome was that the members of the local knitting guild received an invitation to visit the camp as the guests of the Hartford Knights. Incidentally each lady was asked to bring along a number of her friends.

The local ladies "took up" the chance and it is expected that between 200 and 250 local knitters and their friends will leave the city at 6.45 this evening on two special cars for Ayer. Supper will be served and later in the evening dancing and an entertainment will be enjoyed.

The observance of New Year's day itself tomorrow will be comparatively quiet. In the Catholic churches of the city the usual New Year services will be held and in many of the Protestant churches the occasion will be appropriately observed.

There will not be a great many soldiers in town tomorrow because very few leaves have been granted "up there." But as in the case of Christmas day, there will be plenty going on at the cantonment to keep the boys interested.

The local clubs and social organizations will keep open house in the majority of cases. At the Y.M.C.A. and Knights of Columbus rooms men in uniform who are fortunate enough to get into the city will be entertained. The Mathews will keep open house and in the afternoon the married members of the institute will bowl the single men at Kittredge's alleys.

The customary legal holiday suspension of industrial and business activity will take place. The department stores will be open as usual this evening.

### NO SUN TOMORROW

Tomorrow being a legal holiday The Sun will suspend publication of all editions. All news of the holiday will be covered in Wednesday's editions.

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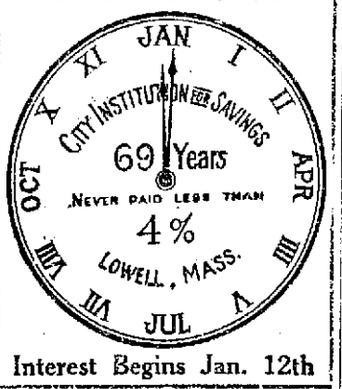


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This store is a Mutual Improvement Society for all who live under its roof. Our employes delight to have their company manners with them at work every day as well as at their homes. None of us is too wise, but everyone by observation and practice can be good mannered.

The close relationship and good feeling between the public and ourselves is one of the strongest factors we know of for broadening our wisdom. This encourages us to be more industrious, and the more industry this store develops to attain that end, the more power, happiness and prosperity will be the reward of our earnest endeavor to listen to the wise counsels of the public we serve.

INTEREST

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Savings deposits made Today go on interest Today.
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The Lowell Normal School will reopen on Monday, January 7, 1917. (Signed) JOHN J. MAHONEY, Prin.

# French Victory on Italian Front ---British Retake Ground on Cambrai Front

The Austro-German lines on the Italian mountain front felt the shock yesterday of a French infantry blow and were shaken if not broken, by the impact.

**Berlin Admits Success for French**

The French stroke was delivered on the easterly end of the mountain line, near its junction with the Piave, the assault being directed at Monte Tomba. The attacking columns broke into the enemy defenses on the mountain at some points and apparently made good their hold, as Berlin admits a penetration of portions of the Tomba positions.

**Counter Measures Against French**

The Austrian official statement makes the French victory appear even more significant as it announces the preparation of "counter measures" against the French. This expression has previously been used in statements from the Teutonic side in initial announcements on occasions when striking successes have been scored by the enemy forces.

Both French and British troops have been for some time aiding the Italians in holding their present front, their activity having been almost entirely of the defensive order, however. Yesterday's attack was the first offensive move by the French on this front, so far as the official statements have shown.

**British Regain Ground**

Field Marshal Haig has very nearly made good his loss of ground in Sunday's local attack by the Germans on the southern end of the Cambrai salient, which resulted in the British front line being entered on both wings in a two mile engagement.

Prompt counter attacks deprived the Germans of a portion of their gains Last night, the counter move was effectively continued and today found the more important part of the positions on Welsh Ridge which had been in dispute, again in British hands.

**British to Reply to Peace Offer**

On the peace side of the day's news, perhaps the most interesting announcement is that made by an important English provincial newspaper to the effect that the British government will make a serious and reasoned reply to the Austro-German terms of peace when they are officially presented. Conferences on the subject will be held between Premier Lloyd-George and Premier Clemenceau of France, the British premier visiting France for this purpose, the newspaper declares.

**Germans Raid Padua**

German airplanes again have raided Padua, much damage being done to monuments and buildings. Another advance along the Nablus road, north of Jerusalem has been made by the British forces in Palestine. Against stubborn Turkish resistance the British progressed three miles and captured Birch, ancient Beeroth and three other towns. Progress also was made between the Nablus road and the Mediterranean coast.

**Peace Celebrations in Petrograd**

In Petrograd Sunday the day was given over to peace celebrations, marked by parades of Bolshevik followers. Members of the German and Austrian peace delegations were spectators of the parades. The heads of the German and Austrian delegations to the Brest-Litovsk conference, Dr. von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin, are returning to their respective capitals. Delayed despatches from Brest-Litovsk indicate that while the representatives of Russia and the central powers agree on most of the peace terms there is difficulty in the preliminary settlement of the question concerning German retirement from occupied Russian territory in order to give the inhabitants opportunity to decide their future for themselves.

**Kronstadt Fort Blown Up**

One of the forts at Kronstadt, the naval base near Petrograd has been blown up by an explosion, according to a despatch received in London. Bessarabia and Turkestan are reported to have declared their independence while fighting between the Bolsheviki and their opponents is reported to be going on in Harbin and Irkutsk, Siberia. General Kaledines has been re-elected hetman of the Don Cossacks by an overwhelming majority.

**French Capture 1400**

ROME, Dec. 31.—In the Monte Tomba region on the northern front the French have captured enemy positions between Osteria di Monforena and Maranzine, the war office announces. They also captured about 1400 men and 60 machine guns and seven cannon.

**Artillery Actions**

PARIS, Dec. 31.—"Artillery actions occurred last night northwest of Rheims," the war office reports. "There were patrol encounters north of the Chemin des Dames, (Aisne front) and near Bezonveau, (Verdun front.) "Everywhere else the night was calm."

**French Drive In Italy**

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—French forces on the northern Italian front yesterday took the offensive. In the afternoon the French infantry penetrated portions of the Austro-German positions on Monte Tomba, the German general staff announced today.

**British Recover Ground**

BERLIN, Dec. 31, via London.—The British have recovered part of their lost territory on the Cambrai front near La Vacquerie, the war office announces. The losses of the British are said to have been heavy.

**British Regain Ground**

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The British in successful counter attacks on the Cambrai front have regained the more important territory on Welsh ridge taken by the Germans in yesterday's attack, the war office reported.

The announcement follows:

"On the Cambrai front, as a result of successful counter attacks, in which we captured prisoners and machine guns, we regained the more important part of the positions on Welsh ridge into which the enemy penetrated yesterday. The enemy still retains a portion of our front trench in the vicinity of La Vacquere and south of Marcoing.

"On the Ypres front by a minor operation last night our line was advanced a short distance on both sides of the Ypres-Staden railway."

**Counter Measures Against French**

VIENNA, Dec. 31, via London.—Counter measures against the French are in course of preparation in the Monte Tomba area, the war office announces.

**Keyserlingk Discusses Peace**

PETROGRAD, Dec. 30.—An interview with Admiral Keyserlingk, a member of the German delegation which arrived in Petrograd last week, is published by the Den. In reply to a statement by his interviewer that the Bolsheviki constituted only one party in Russia and were not recognized by a majority of the people, the admiral said:

"That is a matter of your internal politics which in no wise concerns us.

"We have not declined to hear representatives of other nationalities in Russia, even of other parties. We understand that durable peace is attainable only when factional passions in Russia have been allayed."

The admiral denied that the question of peace was bound up with the constituent assembly.

# PRESENT COLD SPELL IS RECORD SMASHER

Lowell felt a little more sociable today, the third of her cold spell, and with rising temperatures and optimistic assurances from the weather man of better things to come, the city tried to smile despite zero readings

The backbone of the frigid visitor has been broken and it is expected that Mr. Boreas will depart this evening with the rest of the troubles which friend 1917 have given the Spindle City and other places during the past 365 breathing spells.

If one wished to be pessimistic he might begin this story by recounting the "minimum readings" of various places in and about the city early this morning. But that will wait until later. This noon, Uncle Dudley's tube, which may be called a rapid transit tube because of its actions during the past few days, registered 3 above. This was the height of sublimity for the past few days.

The Locks and Canals thermometer was 6 above at noon and this may be taken as a sure sign that a "heat wave" is about due. The minimum temperature of the L. and C. people today was 15 below but that was in the dark ages of early morning.

As for yesterday—well, it was a little chilly. The lowest mark reported in Lowell proper was at the pumping station on the boulevard where 24 below was the best the mercury could obtain at one time. In Merrimack square 18 below was the minmium figure and at the Pawtucket dam 20 underneath was the limit.

In the surrounding towns, however, the weather sharps were more generous in their estimates and a number of "strictly accurate" thermometers registered anywhere from 16 to 32 below.

But why worry about Sunday. A new year is coming. A northwest wind has been in evidence in "these parts" for the past few days but the weather man says that this element will soon be sent back to his habitat and the new visitors are announced as variable winds. There was the usual suffering yesterday that always attends a cold spell but there were few extreme cases reported. However, not a few individuals realized yesterday that they possessed such appendages as ears, toes and fingertips.

Yesterday was the coldest day which Lowell has experienced since Jan. 19, 1887 according to the records of the Locks and Canals. On that remote date the thermometer at Pawtucket dam registered 24 below while yesterday's minimum mark was a mere 20 below. On Jan. 24, 1857, 21 degrees below was registered at this same spot. With the exception of these two dates yesterday, Dec. 30, 1917, was the coldest day experienced in Lowell since 1848 or in other words for the past 69 years.

Some of the other cold days recorded in Locks and Canals records are Jan. 30, 1854 when 18 below was recorded; Jan. 8, 1878, 19 below and Jan. 5 and 6, 1904 when 18 was the low mark.

# ONE KILLED, NINE HURT IN MINE EXPLOSION

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 31.—Officials of the Underwood mine today fixed the number of victims of the explosion there at one dead, and nine badly burned, some of the latter probably fatally. The explosion was caused by a miner walking into a pocket of gas with a naked light.

# SENTENCED FOR TAKING "FRENCH LEAVE"

AYER, Dec. 31.—Philip C. Ryan of Chicago, a sergeant in the 14th company of the Depot Brigade at Camp Devens, was ordered reduced to ranks today, after being found guilty by court martial of being absent without leave at Christmas.

William H. Gaw of South Hadley, first class private in the same company, also was reduced, and a score of privates were given sentences of from one to three months at hard labor with loss of part of their pay.

Nearly 200 members of the National army went home for the holidays without permission. All will be tried by court martial.

### FIRE IN WIGGINVILLE

The residence of Eustache Christman at 5 Carmine street, Wigginville, was practically destroyed by fire this afternoon. The fire started when an attempt was made to thaw out frozen water pipes. A flame from a torch ignited the wood work and in a short time the flames spread rapidly. Word was telephoned to the fire department and subsequently an alarm was sent in from box 824 at 2.32 o'clock.

### ALL MINES IN OPERATION

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 31.—Although the temperature was 10 degrees below zero in the Lehigh field this morning all of the mines were in operation. Coal officials estimate that the weather has caused a reduction of 50 per cent. due to slow movement of cars and machinery.

### ELECTION ACCOUNTS

Representative Victor F. Jewett has filed a statement with the city clerk to the effect that there was nothing paid or promised during his campaign for election. Commissioner James E. Donnelly, according to his report filed, expended the sum of $222.40 for his election.

### LIGHTLESS NIGHT EVERY NIGHT IN WEEK EXCEPT SATURDAY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A lightless night every night in the week except Saturday, was ordered today by the state conservation committee of fuel on recommendation of the advisory committee representing light, heat and power companies. The order will go in effect Wednesday throughout the state.

### STEAMER STILL ASHORE

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 31.—The Argentine steamer Pampa, erroneously reported last night as the Argentina steamer Pinuemto, was still ashore today where she had been blown by last night's gale. A wrecking steamer has gone to her aid.

### FOR HALIFAX FUND

Mayor James E. O'Donnell has received a check for $100 from Lowell lodge, 745 I.A.O.M., for the Halifax Relief fund.

### FINNISH DELEGATION ASK FOR RECOGNITION BY GERMANY OF INDEPENDENCE OF FINLAND

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 31.—A delegation from the Finnish senate has visited Berlin and been received by Count von Hertling, the imperial chancellor, whom they asked for recognition by Germany of the independence of Finland, says a Berlin despatch today.

The chancellor, in reply, said that Germany's recognition of the independence of Finland depended upon agreement between Finland and the Russian government.

### COMPULSORY RATIONING OF SUGAR IN ENGLAND—PLAN TO HELP POOR

LONDON, Dec. 31.—England's first experience with compulsory rationing was had today with sugar. No person could obtain supplies except by card.

Baron Rhonda, the food controller, is expected soon to issue an order for a meatless day. It is understood that a comprehensive plan for alleviation of conditions among the poor will be in full swing before the new year is far advanced.

# BRITISH CASUALTIES IN MONTH TOTAL 79,527

LONDON, Dec. 31.—British casualties reported in December reached a total of 79,527, divided as follows:

Killed or died of wounds—Officers 1045; men 14,806.

Wounded or missing—Officers 3342; men 60,333.

Casualties reported from Dec. 26 to 31 were 9351, divided as follows:

Killed or died of wounds—Officers 65; men 2059.

Wounded or missing—Officers 238; men 7589.

British casualties this month show a marked decrease from November, reflecting the slowing down of operations with the coming of winter.

The figures for the last six days of December are much lower than for the preceding six days.

### PRIVATE CONNORS HOME

Private Martin E. Connors of the regular army, son of Lieut. and Mrs. Martin Connors of 61 Bellevue street, was a visitor in Lowell today and will remain here over the holiday. Private Connors enlisted in the quartermaster's corps of the regular army on Dec. 14 and left Lowell for Fort Slocum, N. Y. After a short stay at the New York fort he was sent to Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J., the national army cantonment for the state of New Jersey. Private Connors says that he likes the army life fairly well, although the authorities "keep him busy" at times. He will return to the New Jersey camp Wednesday noon.

The Tightwad

Some Frenchman said that our vices are our virtues carried to excess.

At the bottom of every vice you will find an abused virtue.

Everybody hates a tightwad, but a thrifty person is a blessing. You can be thrifty and not be a tightwad.

Interest begins January 1st in the Savings Department.

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Open till 10.30 tonight. Closed all day New Year's.

JOHN B. CURTIN,
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30 laborers. Come ready to work. Your pay every night if you need it. Apply to Martin J. Quinn, 937 Gorham St., opposite Moore St.

# Gen. Crozier Replies to Col. Lewis and Explains the Artillery Shortage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Maj. Gen. Crozier, army ordnance chief, today gave to the senate committee investigating the conduct of the war, his side of the reasons for artillery shortage and of the celebrated controversy over the Lewis machine gun.

Responsibility for artillery shortage, the general said, lay with the whole country, and he showed how every effort of his to get larger appropriations for artillery in times of peace was overruled by he secretary of war and congress. The British and French governments, he showed by official records, had of themselves offered to supply Gen. Pershing's forces with artillery and he gave statements from abroad to show that the allies were able to do it because they had a surplus.

Gen. Crozier submitted the record tests of the Lewis gun, showing that other guns performed better; disclaimed any personal prejudice as claimed by Col. Lewis, the inventor, and showed that since the gun had been perfected to use American ammunition, the war department had bought quantities of them.

**Gen. Crozier Called**

Col. Lewis testified that Gen. Crozier prevented the acceptance of the Lewis gun in 1911 and 1912 when it had been favored by Gen. Wood, then chief of staff. He also told the committee more recent attempts had been blocked by Gen. Crozier.

Before beginning Gen. Crozier sked to be put under oath and then read a prepared statement dealing first with borrowing artillery from the allies for Gen. Pershing's forces. Desire to make America's forces of actual aid on the fighting front as soon as possible was a prime factor, Gen. Crozier said, in the artillery loans from France. Correspondence was produced in which M. Tardieu, of the French high commission, asked the war department to order French atillery.

Conferences between representatives of the British, French and American govt. abroad regarding furnishing of artillery to America's forces were recited by Gen. Crozier. He produced a letter from Gen. Bliss, chief of staff, stating that British and French munitions heads had formally assured him that their artillery and ammunition production had so increased that they would be able to completely equip all American forces arriving abroad in 1918.

How he had, during previous years, often asked congress for larger appropriations for artillery and that he and other army heads had many times called the country's attention to the need for more artillery, was related by the general.

Machine guns, Gen. Crozier said, were never expected to become such an important weapon, but the Germans, realizing better than anyone else their great future proceeded to secure them in quantities.

Turning to the charges that prejudice had kept the Lewis gun out of American equipment, Gen. Crozier detailed the official records of the department.

The first offer, to his knowledge, was received May 2, 1912, when the Automatic Arms Co. asked for a special test. The correspondence showed that the ordnance board offered a regular test with ammunition furnished by the government. No test followed, but on March 5, 1913, another Lewis gun was offered for a test, which was held at the Springfield arsenal. The Vickers was adopted, however, because the board's report showed the Lewis gun jammed 206 times, had 35 parts broken and 15 parts required replacement, while the Vickers gun jammed only 23 times and had no parts broken. The board held the Lewis gun inferior to the Vickers or Bennett-Mercier.

No other Lewis gun, Gen. Crozier said, was submitted for a test until April, 1916. The war department previously asked for a Lewis gun to test, but the Savage Arms Co. stated none was available. In the tests of April, 1916, Gen. Crozier said, the manufacturers withdrew the guns because it was said they were not in condition. In the summer of 1916 Gen. Crozier said, on his own initiative and without funds having been appropriated he bought 350 Lewis guns for use with British ammunition on the Mexican border. Letters from officers having charge of the guns criticising the Lewis guns adversely were produced, and Gen. Crozier said that in the border service the Lewis gun was generally proved inferior.

A report last January from the army school of musketry saying that the Lewis gun, "as at present developed, is not a satisfactory arm," also was produced by Gen. Crozier.

Congressional appropriations for machine guns prior to 1916, when $12,000,000 was authorized, Gen. Crozier said, "had been very meagre." Because of machine gun development and the large 1916 appropriation, Gen. Crozier said, Secretary Baker decided to appoint a special board, organized in September 1916, which arranged for the tests of May 1917. It was evident, he said, that good Lewis guns were being made in England for use with British ammunition and poor Lewis guns were being made in this country.

When war with Germany became imminent, Gen. Crozier said, he asked for 5000 Lewis guns. On April 12, he said, 1500 Lewis guns were ordered, 4400 more on June 12, and 2000 more June 16.

"This shows," said Gen. Crozier, "that as soon as the Lewis gun was developed for use with American ammunition, large orders were immediately given.

"There is good prospect that our forces in Europe will not be lacking guns in any way," he added.

Seventy-five hundred machine guns are available for training purposes in this country, Gen. Crozier said.

Turning to the charges by Col. Lewis, inventor of the gun bearing his name, that Gen. Crozier had been prejudiced against him, Gen. Crozier showed that a board which investigated charges exonerated him. Assertions that he had opposed adoption of Col. Lewis' range finder also were categorically denied by Gen. Crozier.

### JURY SESSIONS OF SUPERIOR COURT POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT OF COAL SHORTAGE

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Because of the coal shortage jury sessions of the superior court in this city, set to begin Monday, were indefinitely postponed today by order of Chief Justice John A. Aiken.

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Dinner at 8 P. M.

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Make reservations now.

Don't miss a good time.

# EARTHQUAKE KILLS 1000 IN GUATEMALA CITY

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—An estimate of 1000 persons dead in the earthquake ruins at Guatemala City, is contained in a telegram received here from the Central and South American Telegraph company's manager at San Jose, Guatemala, who returned to San Jose from Guatemala City yesterday afternoon.

**City Laid in Ruins**

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 31—Guetemala City, capital of the Republic of Guatemala, has been destroyed by an earth quake.

Many persons were killed.

The Colon theatre, which was filled with people, collapsed. Many persons in the audience were killed or injured.

Various hospitals and asylums and the prisons were damaged seriously and many patients and prisoners were killed.

The railroad station, the sugar mills, the postoffice, the American and British legations, the United States consulate and all the churches have been leveled.

Deep fissures opened in the middle of the city.

The inhabitants, in panic, have fled from the capital. More than 80,000 persons are homeless. The stock of provisions in the city is scant and aid is required promptly.

The Salvadorean government has suspended the official New Year celebration and entered into mourning, in sympathy with Gutemala.

Earthquakes have been prevalent in Guatemala since the day after Christmas, when shocks were general throughout the republic. With each recurrent shock the damage in Guatemala City, the capital of the republic, has become more extensive. Thursday, it was reported that from 10 to 40 persons had been killed in the disturbance of the previous night, while dispatches Friday and Saturday indicated that 80 per cent of Guatemala City had been demolished and that thousands of persons were homeless. Martial law had been declared and good order was said to prevail.

Guatemala has been the scene of many disasters, the results of earthquakes. Since the settlement of that country in 1522, there have been more than 50 volcanic eruptions and excess of 300 earthquakes.

The original Guatemala City was destroyed in 1541 and 8000 of the inhabitants were killed by a deluge of water from a nearby volcano, which was rent by an earthquake. The second capital was destroyed by an earthquake in 1773. The houses of the present capital were built low, in consequence of the liability to earthquakes.

Guatemala City has a population of nearly 100,000. It is situated on a plain at an elevation of 4850 feet above sea level. In the great square stood the old Vice Regal palace, the cathedral and archbishop's palace and government offices. The capital is in the center of the trade of the entire republic. The chief industries of the country are the manufacture of muslins, cotton yarns of fine texture, articles of silver and embroideries.

**Report 125,000 Homeless**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Guatemala City, capital of the little Central American republic of Guetemala, has been laid in ruins by a series of earthquakes, beginning Christmas day and culminating Saturday night in violent shocks, which completed the work of destruction.

A cablegram to the navy department yesterday said 125,000 persons were in the streets without shelter and that a number were killed by falling walls.

Naval vessels in Central American waters have been ordered to the stricken city to give all possible assistance.

Following is the brief dispatch which contained the news of the catastrophe:

"Bad earthquake, Saturday, finished the work of others. Everything in ruins and beyond description as a result of Saturday night's shock. One hundred and twenty-five persons are in the streets. Parts of the country are very cold and windy. Tents are needed badly. Quite a number killed Saturday by falling walls."

The shocks probably occurred between 5.57 and 7 o'clock Saturday night. Violent quakes were recorded at that time by the seismographs of the Georgetown university observatory and the distance was estimated at 1900 miles from Washington.

**Aid to Stricken City**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Still without detailed information of the earthquakes which destroyed Guatemala City, costing many lives and leaving a hundred thousand homeless, American officials today prepared to send aid to the stricken sister republic. Further reports were awaited from American Minister Leavell and Consul Fee.

Red Cross officials conferred with navy officials as to the supplies to be sent forward on American warships ordered to a Guatemalan seaport.

## GREAT SUFFERING

Continued

47 years went to smash yesterday.

The mercury sank to unheard-of depths, reaching the lowest spot of its recorded career between 5 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Then, inspired by the sun, it "came back" for some hours, only to hit the downward path again late in the afternoon. At last reports it was still sliding.

All New England suffered. Bays and rivers were frozen solid; train service was delayed; trolley service in some sections still more delayed; hospitals were rushed with cases of frostbite; Police departments worked overtime caring one way or another for the inadequately sheltered; some churches abandoned their services and in others held services in the chapels and vestries; fire alarms sounded almost continuously.

The old year is dying hard and its last days will be remembered by the people of New England. Its very last moments should be slightly more comfortable, for the official forecast is snow tonight or early tomorrow, with, of course, a rising temperature.

Temperatures yesterday morning varied greatly in different sections of New England. Places in Vermont reported 62 below, 60 below and 40 below zero. Greater Boston's official low temperature was 14 degrees below, from 5 to 8 o'clock yesterday morning, but neighboring places reported it from 16 to 20 below.

**Almost 100 Treated at Hospitals**

Boston's policemen were cautioned early Saturday night to bring to the station houses anyone, whether or not under the influence of liquor, who seemed in danger of freezing, and last night supplementary orders were issued to take care of any needy families suffering because of the extreme cold.

Supt. Michael H. Crowley and Fire Commissioner Grady, at the recommendation of Acting Mayor Donovan, issued orders for their men to make inquiries on their routes, and take any suffering persons to the nearest police and fire houses, and provide food and shelter for them.

Almost 100 persons were treated at the public hospitals of Boston for frost bitten noses, ears, fingers and limbs and the institutions of surrounding cities and towns did a proportionately large business. The fact that it was Sunday, and that most people were able to remain indoors undoubtedly kept the number of sufferers from being much larger.

That it was Sunday, too, was no less than a great benefit for the horses, which were kept in their stables for the most part, well blanketed and protected.

The Boston fire department did a record business, eclipsing its Fourth of July records for a number of years. During the day and early evening the firemen responded to no less than 75 alarms, every man in the department and every piece of apparatus being called into use.

Plumbers were kept on the go from midnight on, frozen water pipes being about the commonest thing in New England. In many cases the frozen pipes, being thawed by amateurs, or not being thawed at all, resulted in fires. In one case in Somerville, a frozen water jacket resulted in an explosion and a fire in which a mother and six children were badly burned.

**Relief In Sight**

When the temperature at Boston climbed to one degree below zero at 9.30 o'clock the weather bureau sent forth the cheering news that the crest of the cold wave had passed and that conditions more nearly approaching the mid-winter normal would prevail during the next few days. Reports from New England stations included: Portland, Me., 16 below; Concord, N. H., 16 below; Hartford, Conn., 14 below; Burlington, Vt., 24 below, while Nantucket Island registered 10 above.

**Great Suffering in New York**

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Nothing to indicate a moderation of the intense cold that has held the city in its grip for the last two days greeted shivering New Yorkers this morning. Not in 30 years has this city suffered as it did Saturday and yesterday.

At 6 a. m., today thermometers registered 7 degrees below zero while reports from outlying districts showed several degrees lower. Cold yesterday resulted in seven death while hundreds were treated at hospitals which report that there will have to be many amputations of frosted fingers, toes and ears.

Firemen in the metropolitan district experienced one of the hardest periods recorded by the fire department and early today the total number of fires had reached the 500 mark. While the majority of the fires resulted in little damage two were said to be of incendiary origin in an effort to hamper government work.

Below zero weather for two days resulting in private houses and apartments consuming thousands of tons of coal above their normal requirements has made such deep inroads in the surplus supply that today a coal famine is impending in this city. Across the Hudson river are thousands of tons of coal, but the severe weather made its transfer to distributors difficult.

Coal merchants kept their places open as relief stations all day yesterday and many of them all night, to accommodate applicants who were alloted amounts from 50 pounds to a quarter of a ton.

Coal teamsters have threatened a strike for higher wages. Reeve Schley, county fuel administrator, will meet the men today and seek to settle the difficulty by arbitration.

**City Distributes Coal**

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 31.—The city authorities, at the instance of the committee on public safety and local fuel board, today begun the distribution from the city yards of 35 tons of coal in 100 pound lots to families without fuel.

**Plants Closed: 20,000 Idle**

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 31.—About 20,000 munition workers in plants in this city are idle today because of the intense cold and lack of coal. Several plants closed entirely.

**Mattapoisett Bay Frozen**

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 31.—The prolonged cold weather has frozen up all the upper parts of Buzzards bay. Mattapoisett bay, for the first time in the memory of its residents, is frozen over as far out as the eye can see. Men went fishing through the ice today in Buzzards bay.

**Cold Wave Passing to Sea**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Some moderation, beginning tonight, of the cold wave, was forecast today by the weather bureau for the country from the Ohio valley eastward. The cold wave is now passing to sea.

The intense cold has not been equalled in the territory south of New York along the coast and inland since Dec. 20, 1880. There has already been a moderation of temperatures west of the Appalachian mountains and in the east Gulf states, although over a greater part of that region it is still colder than the seasonal average.

Canton, N. Y., reported the lowest temperature at 8 a. m., of any point in the country. It was 20 degrees below zero there. During the previous 24 hours the coldest was 40 degrees below zero at Northfield, Vt., according to weather bureau reports. Official temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning showed the below zero line to extend northward of Philadelphia and eastward of Buffalo. Philadelphia was at zero; New York and Boston 8 below; Albany and Portland 16 below.

**Ten Perish in New York**

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A lengthening death roll, a rapidly dwindling coal supply and weather bureau officials' predictions that the record breaking cold spell would keep the mercury hovering about the zero mark throughout the next 24 hours made winter's grip of New York and vicinity today a grim actuality. Ten persons had perished from the cold up to noon. Police stations, theatres, libraries, churches, charitable institutions and other places available for use as shelters have been converted into refuges for the city's hundreds of homeless and the thousands of poor among whom the suffering is most widespread. Meals were served to those sheltered in the various municipal lodging houses.

The thawing out of frozen water pipes and the use of oil heaters as substitutes for steam heat and gas stoves has resulted in an unprecedented number of fire alarms.

**Cotton Exchanged Closed**

The board of managers of the cotton exchange voted to close the exchange at noon. When trading began on the floor of the exchange today the thermometer there registered 44 degrees.

Residents of apartment houses in so-called exclusive residential sections and workers in the largest downtown office buildings were not exempt from hardships. Many furnaces were being stoked at only half their capacity in order to make available coal supplies last as long as possible.

Following out this policy, in some of the tallest buildings in lower Manhattan suspended elevator service. Subway, elevated and surface car service was much delayed.

## PASTORS AND TEACHERS OF GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH PLEDGE LOYALTY TO UNITED STATES

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 31.—At a meeting held at Seward, Neb., the pastors and teachers of the German Lutheran church in Nebraska of the Missouri synod adopted resolutions of loyalty to the United States and recommended the cessation of German language instruction in all parochial schools of the state for the duration of the war. One such school here will drop German instruction tomorrow.

## MASS NOTICE

Anniversary mass Thursday morning, January 3, at 8 o'clock, at the Sacred Heart church for the repose of the soul of Thomas Scanlon.

## FUNERALS

MERCIER—The funeral of Victor Mercier took place this morning from the home of his parents, 38 Aiken avenue. High mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Louis' church at 8.45 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Labossiere. The bearers were Willie Couture, Eugene Gamache, Arthur Beauparlant, Toussaint Richard, Armand Aubry and Romeo Bisson. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in St. Joseph's cemetery. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Amedee Archambault & Sons.

DALLAIRE—The funeral of Miss Anna Dallaire took place this morning from her home, 20 Gershom avenue. Solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Jean Baptiste church at 9 o'clock by Rev. Julien Racette, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Charles Denizot, O.M.I., as deacon and Rev. Eugene Turcotte, O.M.I., as sub deacon. The bearers were Alphee, Pierre and Severin Paquette, Pierre Dallaire, Romeo Salvail and Albini Drainville. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Nashua, under the direction of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

## MATRIMONIAL

Joseph R. Lefebvre and Miss Aurore Boisvert were married this morning at a nuptial mass celebrated at St. Joseph's rectory at 7 o'clock by Rev. Eugene Turcotte, O.M.I., pastor. The witnesses were Gedeon Boisvert and Joseph Ouellette.

**Deloge—Cote**

Joseph Napoleon Deloge and Miss Marie Elise Cote were married this morning at a nuptial mass celebrated at 8 o'clock at St. Joseph's rectory by Rev. Louis Bachand, O.M.I. The couple were attended by Joseph Roberge and Zoel St. Hilaire.

**Noel—Saucier**

At 8 o'clock at St. Joseph's church this morning Joseph Noel and Miss Marie Rose Saucier were married, the ceremony being performed at a nuptial mass celebrated by Rev. Armand Baron, O.M.I. The witnesses were Joseph Noel and Joseph Saucier.

**Leduc—Richard**

Armand Leduc and Miss Rose Richard were married this morning at a nuptial mass celebrated at St. Louis' church at 8 o'clock by Rev. F. X. Gauthier. The witnesses were Adrien Richard, father of the bride, and Philippe Leduc, a brother of the bridegroom. At the close of the ceremony a dinner and reception was held at the home of the bride's parents in Hamel place.

## NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM NATIONS ALLIED WITH THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—New Year's greetings to the American people from the heads of several nations allied with the United States will appear in the New Year's edition of the official bulletin.

Among those already received are included greetings from King Peter of Serbia, President Guerra of Bolivia and President Viera of Uruguay.

## DANCE AT ASSOCIATE HALL

Tonight a big time and dance are promised to all who attend the dance in Associate hall. All the old dances are to be reviewed and played by the famous Miner-Doyle orchestra. Remember tomorrow is a holiday. Come and dance tonight and rest tomorrow. The admission is 25 cents. A good time is in store for every one who will attend.

## SOLDIER GETS KIT BAG FROM LOWELL GIRL AND SENDS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Miss Kathryn E. Harrington, of 127 Hildreth street, who, although but 13 years of age, has made many welcome gifts for soldiers, this morning received recognition from Private S. L. Dunn of the ordnance department at Fort Allan, R. I., who received a kit bag which she filled.

The recipient of the bag sent a post card with the following lines: "Many thanks for the Red Cross present I received from you. I was the lucky one to receive it and it was certainly very nice. Sincerely,

Private S. L. Dunn, Ordnance Dept., Fort Allan, R. I."

Private S. L. Dunn,

Ordnance Dept., Fort Allen, R. I."

donor by sending her a handsomely embroidered handkerchief.

POCKETBOOK containing large sum of money lost between Central st., Lakeview ave. and Fayette st., Friday evening. Liberal reward if returned to 598 Central st.

# HOLY NAME SOCIAL AND DANCE WEDNESDAY

Everything is in readiness for the Holy Name social and dance which will be held in Associate hall Wednesday evening, Jan. 2. An efficient committee has busied itself working out the details of the event, and success seems assured. On the concert program will appear, many attractive numbers. It is expected that the members of the Holy Name society and their friends will co-operate in making the event one long to be remembered. The committee in charge is as follows:

President T. F. Rohan, general manager; Vice President William J. Pendergast, assistant manager; John T. McDermott, floor director; Stephen Shugrue, assistant floor director; Dominic Molloy, chief aid; assistant aids:

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| John Bolan | Patrick McGarrell |
| Geo. L. Campbell | John Stapleton |
| P. Cunningham | Timothy O'Sullivan |
| Robert Dalton | Walter Pouliot |
| Joseph Dineen | Richard Scannell |
| James Flannery | Ed. B. Connolly |
| Peter Gill | James Walsh |
| Daniel McCarthy | George Whelton |
| F. McGaraghan | William Ambrose |

ROLL OF HONOR—ARMY

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| John A. O'Brien | Edward Quinn |
| Stephen Griffin | William Quinn |
| Alvah H. Ayer | John Scully |
| Thomas Allen | Paul Spillane |
| Geo. F. Boland | David T. Sullivan |
| Jeremiah Cahill | William Usher |
| Eugene Dean | Daniel Brennan |
| Wm. Dineen | Curtis Garrity |
| John J. Donovan | John Graves |
| Edw. Flannery | Martin McCarthy |
| Eli Hart | John Neeson |
| Geo. H. Kelley | Fred Garrity |
| Thomas Delmore | Dr. P. J. Meehan |
| Ed. McEvoy | James O'Connor |
| Jos. McLaughlin | John O'Connor |
| John Mann | |

NAVY

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| Walter F. Brown | John Halpin |
| J. D. Carmichael, Jr. | Arthur Locke |
| Jas. Dalton, Jr. | Patrick Molloy |
| Stephen Foley | Albert Peterson |
| Wm. Gallagher | Arthur Kerrigan, |

making a total of 41 members in the service.

Chairman reception committee, John J. Sullivan, assisted by members of the society.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF UNION STOCK YARDS SHOWS BIG INCREASE IN BUSINESS

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Nearly 17,000 more cars of livestock were received at the Union Stock yards here during the first 11 months of 1917 than during the entire year of 1916, according to the annual report made public today by John A. Spoor, chairman of the directors of the Union Stock Yards and Transit company. The greatest increase came after mobilization of the National Guard and drafting of the national army, the report says.

The report states that a great increase has been made in the capacity of the yards since the United States entered the war, but gives no definite figures.

# NEW PLAN OF DIVIDING WORLD'S SERIES CASH

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A new system for dividing the money derived from the annual world's series was expected to be announced when B. B. Johnson, president of the American league and August Hermann, chairman of the National commission, met for a conference here today.

They were appointed at the recent joint conference here of American and National league club owners to devise such a plan.

Two suggestions along this line have been made. Herrmann is said to favor a system that would give a portion of the money to the first seven teams in each league, leaving only the club finishing last in the race without reward. Johnson is said to be willing to have the first four teams in each league share in the money. The theory of the change is that it will stimulate interest after the pennant winner has become known in each league, frequently some weeks before the close of the campaign.

# TO PREVENT RELAXATION OF CHILD LABOR LAWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Efforts of the National child labor committee to prevent relaxation of the child labor laws on the excuse of war time necessity have the endorsement of President Wilson. In a letter to the committee made public today the president declares that strict enforcement of the laws not only will contribute to preservation of life and health, but will tend to efficiency and economy of production.

"As the labor situation created by the war develops" wrote the president, "I am more interested than ever if that were possible in throwing the safeguards possible around labor of women and children in order that no intolerable or injurious burden may be placed upon them."

# EAT POTATOES EVERY DAY SAYS FOOD BOARD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—"Irish potato day" is being inaugurated by the food administration. Grocers and housewives have been asked to cooperate. Potatoes every day in the year on every table is the desire of the administration. This is said to be necessary as a war measure.

"The potato today is plentiful, cheap and the best substitute for food staples we are being asked to save for the allies, the army and the navy," says the food administration's announcement. It furnishes nourishment, bulk, mineral salts and a corrective alkalinity in the diet.

"Germany plants more than twice as many potatoes as the United States. Germany gets more than twice as many bushels per acre, and she eats three times as many potatoes. If we are going to win this war we must fight Germany man for man, shell for shell, potato for potato."

# LEGION OF DEATH GIRLS HERE FROM RUSSIA

Special to The Sun

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., December.—"Your occupation?" inquired the immigration inspector.

"Soldiers," answered the two girls with short cropped hair and windtanned faces.

"But you are so young"—incredulously.

"Not too young to fight for Russia!" they answered proudly, stiffening to a salute.

Forerunners of a reported general exodus of Russian girls out of Petrograd, Slyvia Kopkin, 15, and Eva Zalonz, 23, are the first members of the famous Legion of Death to reach the United States.

Terror, pride, patriotism and disillusionment commingled in their broken account of what it had meant to join the woman's fighting corps.

Miss. Eva Zainoz, one of first two Russ "Death Battalion" girls to reach the United States.

While they had participated in no actual bloodletting on the battle line, the young Amazons had been caught in the swirl of violence that marked the downfall of Kerensky and the elevation of the Bolsheviki.

"Yes," said Miss Kopkin upon her arrival at San Francisco, "I was a member of what you call the 'Legion of Death.' But I don't wish to pose as a heroine. I carried a gun, drilled and did my duty as a daughter of Russia. That I saw no actual fighting was simply a turn of chance.

"I was in training for three months, with hundreds of other girls, who were anxious to see action. But my opportunity didn't come. Just think, I didn't get to kill one German. That is a great regret."

Miss Kopkin, frail, smiling, and weighing but 90 pounds, presented a striking contrast to her martial sentiments.

"Everyone fights in Russia," added Miss Zalonz, her comrade in arms, who is the older and larger. "I am tired now, and hope to get some rest in America.

"We could have done so much more for our country if our men had only taken us seriously. Russia will be reminded for many years of the tragedy of her woman's battalion—there are so many nice looking girls in Petrograd, Riga and the other cities who have an arm or a leg gone.

"Many of the girls in the fighting corps are preparing to leave Russia or have already done so. Kerensky sanctioned their flight from Petrograd when the reign of violence began.

"There is now no place for a woman's legion in my country, so I feel no lack of patriotism in getting away."

The Slav heroines have joined members of their family in the United States and plan to remain here until conditions become more settled in Russia.

Miss Kopkin will go to Philadelphia and Miss Zalonz to Brooklyn.

# AMERICANS KILL SIX MEXICAN BANDITS

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 31.—At least six Mexican bandits were killed in a fight between bandits and United States troops and Texas rangers on Saturday at San Jose, Mex., opposite the Indio ranch, which is 20 miles south of Eagle Pass, according to an official statement here yesterday at military headquarters. The Americans had crossed into Mexico on the trail of Mexican cattle thieves. There were no American casualties.

After the bandits—said to have numbered 50—were routed, the Americans returne dto the Texas side.

The pursuit of a "hot trail" across the border followed a series of raids on the Indio ranch, in which it is estimated that 1000 or more head of cattle had been driven across the Rio Grande.

## ONSET POSTOFFICE AND CONSIDERABLE MAIL DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST NIGHT

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 31—The Onset postoffice and a considerable quantity of mail was destroyed by fire in the centre of the town late last night. The fire badly damaged the Bullock block on Main street and the total loss was estimated at $12,000.

# ARGENTINE MISSION TO U. S. IN SHIPWRECK

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 31.—The Argentine transport Pimento, understood to have on board members of an economic mission to the United States from Argentina, was driven ashore off the Atlantic coast during a storm last night, and now lies high on the beach. Everybody on board was taken off safely in a breeches buoy by life guards.

The shipwrecked Argentinians were housed last night in the life-saving station. They hope to board their vessel again today if she can be floated, and the wrecking crews now standing by think this may be done if the storm abates.

A 50-mile gale was driving a heavy fall of snow when the ship lost her course last night.

# AMERICAN AVIATOR KILLED IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 31.—An American aviator was killed yesterday while making a test flight at an aviation center before French and American pilots and observation aviators. Although the wind was blowing violently he made a loop successfully but on attempting to repeat the feat he fell. He was dying when picked up but insisted on reporting to his American comrades with his last breath, the observations which he had made.

## HEARINGS ON PACKING INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The federal trade commission today announced that the open hearings on the packing industry would be continued Thursday in Philadelphia with Commissioner Victor Murdock presiding.

# FIRE AT NEW YORK NAVY YARD

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Fire occurred today at the New York navy yard. Shortly after the alarm was sounded sailors from the barracks were stationed every ten feet around the yard and workmen were forbidden to enter or leave during the ensuing 90 minutes. At the end of that time the sailors were withdrawn. Information regarding the blaze was refused by the navy yard official, inquiries being referred to the government authorities at Washington.

# HOUSE WRECKED BY BOILER EXPLOSION

BROCKTON, Dec. 31.—The interior of the house owned by J. Howard Field, a prominent shoe manufacturer, was nearly wrecked this noon by the explosion of a boiler in the basement. A woman washing clothes nearby escaped almost by miracle.

Practically all the furniture on the first floor was damaged. Windows were blown out and glass ware in houses for two blocks was broken.

## BRITISH WAR PRISONERS FROM GERMANY ARRIVE AT SHEVENINGEN

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 31.—A Reuter agency despatch from The Hague via London dated Dec. 29 says the first party of British war prisoners, soldiers and civilians, from Germany en route for internment in Holland had arrived at Sheveningen The Dutch allied ministers welcomed the arrivals who, though cheerful showed traces of privations.

The Dutch newspapers contained appreciative articles bearing on the soldiers who were described as an honor to the British nation. The men were silent when questioned regarding conditions in Germany.

## FORMER CITY MARSHAL McKENNA OF LAWRENCE ELECTED PURCHASING AGENT

From city marshal to purchasing agent was the shift made today by City Marshal Maurice F. McKenna of Lawrence, who was elected to the position of purchasing agent at a regular meeting of the municipal council of the down-river city.

Maurice McKenna is well known in this city and his many friends will be glad to learn of his election. He made a very efficient city marshal and his business ability and experience well fit him for the position of purchasing agent.

# NO TELEPHONE STRIKE IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—There will be no strike of the telephone operators in Greater Boston.

Shortly before 7 o'clock last night the members of the adjustment board of the Boston Telephone Operators' union accepted the schedule agreed upon at a conference between International Vice President G. M. Bugniazet and officials of the New England Telephone company.

What the settlement terms are or the wage scale accepted are not given out, as it was agreed that no statement including the new schedule should be made known before the adjustment board can report at a special meeting of the union to be held next Wednesday.

Owing to the overwhelming vote of the members of the union to strike if their demands were not granted, and the action of the members at the meeting last Friday night in refusing to listen to any proposition which did not contain all they asked for, it is believed by them that the minimum wage of $16 after six years' service and other increases have been granted

# SALARY ORDINANCE CAMOUFLAGED

A three-minute adjourned meeting of the municipal council was held this morning in the aldermanic chamber at city hall, where by the way, it was very cold. In the absence of the mayor, who was called to Boston this morning by the food administrator, Commissioner Frank A. Warnock, president of the council, presided.

An order for the grading of Belmont avenue was read and adopted. Commissioner Brown asked Commissioner Donnelly if he had done anything toward the drafting of an ordinance restoring the salaries of certain officials to what they were in 1915, as instructed by the council at its last meeting and Mr. Donnelly replied that the ordinance was a matter for the law department, which means that nothing in the line of cutting salaries will be done, for today was the last day for such action.

The meeting was opened at 10.25 o'clock and brought to a close at 10.28, at which time adjournment was taken for the approval of monthly bills. All bills were approved and the meeting adjourned until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

# PROMOTED FROM THE RESERVE FORCE

Five members of the reserve force of the police department have been promoted to positions as regular patrolmen, they being Bernard J. Judge, Anthony Clark, Charles S. Sharkey, Patrick J. Garrity and Samuel H. McElroy. They have been assigned to regular routes.

## OLD RESIDENT RETURNS

John L. Prescott, a well known figure in Lowell 25 years ago has returned to take up his residence in this city. Practically most of his life has been spent in the express business. He came to Lowell in 1890 as agent for the Lovejoy-Paul Express company and three years later left to form the Manchester Express company and was with that concern as messenger for 16 years. Upon the death of Mr. Day, the owner, 6 years ago, he became manager with headquarters in Concord, N. H. In coming to this city Mr. Prescott will manage the entire line of the B. & L. and M. & C. Express company which, due to his efforts, has inaugurated a passenger train service and triple messenger service daily. Mr. Prescott is busy renewing old acquaintances.

## EMPLOYES OF LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE ENTITLED TO WAR RISK INSURANCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Employes of the lighthouse service who have been transferred from the department of commerce to the service of the war and navy dpartments are to be regarded as part of the country's defence forces during the war and so are entitled to war risk insurance, according to a ruling today. More than 1100 officers and men are affected.

## HENDRICKS GOES TO ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 31.—Jack Hendricks, manager of the Indianapolis team today signed a contract to manage the St. Louis Nationals next season.

## GOING TO FRANCE

Miss Etta Fraser, who for the past two years has held the position of nurse assistant at the Rogers Hall school, left last evening for New York, whence she will sail for France, where she will do nurse duty on the battlefield. Miss Fraser is a graduate of the Lowell hospital training school.

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WE ARE MOVING

To Our New Store

50 CENTRAL ST.

Extending through to Prescott St., where we shall have about three times as much space as before, enabling us to display "Chic" Muslin Underwear and other goods to better advantage.

We are very grateful to our friends who by their liberal patronage have made it possible and necessary that we have a larger store. Watch for date of opening.

THE CHIC SHOP

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TO THE LOWELL MERCHANTS

THE REAL LOWELL MERCHANTS who have closed Thursdays at noon during the year 1917, we wish to express our gratitude and thanks, and may the New Year bring happiness and prosperity to you.

TO THE BUYING PUBLIC who have supported the clerks in their efforts for better hours, we can but voice the same wish, and may they continue to patronize the stores that close Thursdays at noon during 1918.

MERCANTILE CLERKS ASSO.

# YEAR'S WORK BY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Lowell's public safety committee met at city hall last evening and as befitting the occasion, the members took a retrospective view of what has been done in the year just closing in the way of Lowell war work. Incidentally the committee discussed plans for the coming year.

The public safety committee was organized on the 24th of last March at the request of Mayor O'Donnell and since that time its members have been very much on the job in an effort to enable Lowell to meet the various emergencies and unaccustomed conditions resultant from the war.

Perhaps the most timely topic taken up at last evening's meeting was that of coal conservation. A committee from the Lowell Federation of Churches was present to obtain the safety committee's idea of what the churches could do to conserve coal. The committee consisted of W. T. Sheppard, H. O. Brooks and Rev. H. E. Benton. It was voted to ask the churches to refrain from using any more than the usual amount of coal in the months to come and if possible, to unionize some of their services. A series of revival services are to be held in the local Protestant churches in the immediate future and the church committee was asked not to multiply these services any more than absolutely necessary.

John M. O'Donoghue, chairman of the Lowell coal committee, was present at the meeting and he gave a resume of the coal situation in Lowell at the present time. At this moment there are in the city between 6000 and 7000 tons of hard coal. The normal demand of the city is from 9000 to 10,000 tons a month. The coal supply is tightening up. Therefore, the reasonable conclusion was that the city must conserve what is already on hand.

Besides considering the manner in which the churches of the city might conserve coal, the committee took a more general view of the situation and voted that the Lowell Electric Light corporation be asked to consent to a rearrangement of its contract with the city so that the use of the white way lights shall be reduced. The matter of closing theatres and clubs was taken up but the general opinion was that such action would not be wholly feasible except in cases of direst necessity.

A special committee was appointed to look into the subject of saving fuel in Lowell and to suggest through frequent reports possible savings. George H. Perkins of the Textile school was chosen chairman and the other two members were Rev. Nathaniel W. Mathews and Fred C. Weld.

The members of the executive committee of the safety committee are Mayor J. E. O'Donnell, chairman; Robert F. Marden, sec.; Arthur T. Safford, John M. O'Donoghue, Dr. A. J. Bagnon, Dr. G. Forrest Martin, Otto Hockmeyer, James C. Reilly, John H. Murphy, Albert D. Milliken and Hon. Edward Fisher.

This committee at last evening's meeting submitted the following report of its activities to date:

**Report of the Committee**

The Lowell committee on public safety was formed at the call of Mayor James E. O'Donnell and at the request of the government, Sunday, March 24, 1917.

Within a period of the following five days the entire city of Lowell was organized to take care of itself in case of serious trouble involving the safey of the city and its people, with particular reference to any mishaps resulting from the state of war which at that time had not been declared but which was confidently expected.

Through sub-committees a wide diversity of effort was undertaken with energy and judgment so that much was accomplished in a week's time that might otherwise never have been done.

In brief, the committee on public safety has operated along the following lines, endeavoring to secure effective results in each:

Collection of all dynamite in Lowell into one spot, where it has since been under constant guard.

Careful supervision over sales of chlorates and similar drugs at drug stores.

Training of the police force in marksmanship.

Guards at spots where watchfulness might be needed.

Recruiting of all units of the service where the committee could help in any way.

Establishment of a War Work headquarters at 119 Merrimack street.

Organization of a force of men and equipment capable of handling any emergency where destruction of vital property would require its immediate reconstruction or repair.

Preparation of a volunteer list of motor and horse-drawn vehicles ready for any emergency service

Provision of clothing for men hurriedly drawn into the service

Provisions of motorcycles and sidecars for four Lowell companies.

Establishment of an emergency hospital unit of physicians, nurses, beds and bedding, as well as surgical supplies; this being now ready for any use that may come up. The Lowell General, St. John's, and the Lowell Corporation hospitals are the emergency stations.

Provision through the public utilities of the city for the possible emergencies that would require transportation, temporary light and power or co-operation of effort to secure best results.

Development of the effort to encourage food production and conservation through home gardens, intensive agriculture by the professional farmer, the public market, the canning campaign, the food conservation campaign, and the securing of a sugar supply.

Establishment of the State Guard companies, three being organized in Lowell.

Fuel supply and prices through effort to have this city get the coal it needs and the naming of a coal price fixing committee by the state. In this connection the committee urged the water department to lay in a surplus supply at the pumping stations and maintain it for an emergency.

**Soldiers and Sailors**

Relief of families and dependents of soldiers, through funds supplied by the committee's treasury.

Map of the city for defensive purposes showing the spots where extra guarding would be essential in case of danger.

Concentration of all war work efforts requiring public participation either through money or energy into channels where such efforts would not be wasted. Elimination of non-essential efforts and avoidance of duplication of work or money.

The establishment of a labor or employment bureau for farm work or for any useful purpose of a like nature.

Cooperation with the surrounding towns on all the above topics and on any subject calculated to aid in safety work.

Suitable demonstration of farewell to the Lowell soldiers of the National Guard before they left the state, including parade, dinner and a general holiday.

Suitable efforts to give the men of the National Army a proper send-off as they started for the training camps.

Encouragement of the legislature in its proposal to provide a state fund to aid the dependents of soldiers and sailors.

Co-operation with the war department in the matter of providing suitable entertainment and care for soldiers visiting Lowell from the Ayer cantonment, the war department naming the executive committee of the public safety committee as its official committee in Lowell.

A census of the visiting soldiers was taken each Saturday and Sunday for four weeks and the results reported to the official at Ayer.

Contributions of various articles for sport and comfort to the Lowell soldiers at Ayer and at various distant spots.

The handling of the vice problems locally and a complete approval of the mayor's course in naming a vice-squad of police.

An effort to establish proper recreation facilities for visiting soldiers and sailors.

Assistance to the school of English language at Ayer, the committee paying for a supply of text books.

The above enumeration of items in which the committee on public safety has interested itself will serve to indicate the lines along which the work has proceeded. It is unnecessary to go into great detail. It is evident from the summary that the committee has taken a sufficient interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the city and its men in the service and that about everything from cigarets to cartridges has been on the list of activities.

The committee was named by Mayor O'Donnell at the request of the governor who had likewise named a state committee on public safety. The governor acted on the request of the president of the United States. Therefore the Lowell committee has acted with decision and promptness on all matters feeling that while its authority might be questioned there was sufficient basis of power back of it to urge compliance with its wishes. It is gratifying to be able to report that at no time since the committee set to work has there been anything but hearty co-operation from all sources. The thanks of the committee are especially due Mayor O'Donnell and his department of public safety for earnest and hearty co-operation at all times. The same should be said of the municipal council and all the city departments, and especial thanks are due the Locks & Canals and all the corporations in Lowell for steady and efficient backing of the wishes of the committee.

The community as a whole has backed the public safety work sanely and willingly by money, effort and time. Much has been asked and will be asked in the future but so long as the present spirit of co-operation prevails the community can take care of itself against all emergencies.

The work of the committee has been guided from the start by the executive committee. Various sub-committees have undertaken allotted tasks and at the inception of the committee a week of concentrated effort shaped the main items. This work, in some instances, was quickly accomplished and could be left as done, but in others the work required weeks of attention and months of application. In some lines the work is continuing and will continue.

**Prevention of Waste**

The basic theory on which the committee has acted is that in time of war any waste of time, money or energy should be prevented as far as possible and to that end has endeavored to bring all forms of activity under the wing of the committee on public safety, not for the purpose of dictation but in order to be able to advice where duplications were being undertaken. At the request of the committee the Lowell Social Service league, which is non-sectarian and has valuable archives of records as well as trained workers, has accepted the task of becoming the official investigating medium of the public safety committee, thus bringing into this one organization not only the co-ordinated charities and relief work it ordinarily conducts but also that of the committee, which at times looms large. This also accords with the action of the American Red Cross, which has done the same thing. The committee advises against excessive demands upon the resources of the people but when public aid is needed is willing to back the projects to the limit.

Realizing that the churches of the city exercise the chief influence in the community, the committee has sought from time to time the aid of the clergy of all denominations and has asked for a variety of forms of co-operations. This has always readily been given.

The committee has kept reasonably full records of its acts and will file them whenever this is desirable at city hall in order that any future emergencies may make use of the material accumulated.

Some recommendations have been made by the committee that should in time be carried out. The first important recommendation is that the municipality should build a modern magazine in a proper location so that all explosives should be stored there in safety and given out only under some successful system of preventing a scattering of unnecessary amounts of dynamite. A recommendation that has already been carried out is that the physicians, vehicles suitable for ambulances and the nurses and hospitals should be thoroughly organized to take care of any emergency. The physicians are now divided into two groups, one to respond to the call of emergency by going to the scene of the disaster and the other to go to the hospitals. The Boy Scouts have also been organized into first aid corps. The vehicles are also lined up for emergency service and this will shortly be reorganized into a definite motor corps. The hospitals have been provided with a surplus supply of beds and bedding and surgical supplies which remain in readiness for the emergency which all hope and expect will not occur. A system has been devised by the corporations whereby an emergency light and power plant can be set up in 24 hours in the event of anything so unlikely as serious damage to the regular electric light and power plant happening.

Throughout the development of all the plans and protective arrangements the committee has been in constant communication with the great employing units in Lowell, advising and being advised in everything pertaining to safety of the community. Suitable safeguards have been maintained and, so far as any physical damage to property and lives is concerned, it is felt that every essential step has been taken.

There remain to be accomplished some vital things of importance to the community. Among these, first of all is maintenance of the vigilance that brought all these plans into being. The time for any untoward incident marring the safety of the city has not yet passed. Secondly, there is looming up the necessity for providing a proper method of maintaining industry intact as far as possible, in the face of the use of many essential hands in lines of industry that are necessary to the prosecution of the war and in the uniformed forces of the country. Thirdly, the need for conservation of food and materials is becoming more and more apparent and any means calculated to aid the government in this problem are plainly the duty of this committee to foster. In this the committee requires, and already has, the aid of the women, whose council of defense is now for all practical purposes a part of this committee on public safety.

**Work of Individuals**

In the prosecution of its plans this committee has called from time to time upon individuals for unusual duties. For instance, James E. Burns, a noted marksman and expert with arms, has given freely of his time to the police department in training the men in the use of small arms. In the recruiting work, Capt. Edward Fisher, A. D. Milliken, W. A. Mitchell and others have aided by hours of concentrated attention and labor. In the provision of motor trucks, W. A. Mitchell has been an unfailing source of supply through his committee, the owners of vehicles giving them freely for any work required by the committee. In forming the State Guard, Lieut. Royal P. White performed service that required time and effort to an unusual degree. In finance, John F. Sawyer and Austin K. Chadwick have been the mainstays of the committee. Dr. G. Forest Martin organized the medical unit. Freeman M. Bill gave hours of his time to the planning of the food production campaign. Mrs. Butler Ames, Mrs. George M. Heath and Mrs. James H. Carmichael have given and are still giving unlimited time to the conservation work, and but for their efforts the summer's work would not have counted for so much. City Engineer Stephen Kearney produced the city map that, in case of need, would be worth its weight in gold and invaluable in caring for the emergencies. Harry Dunlap, at a time when the Lowell soldiers were up in New Hampshire on guard and were suffering for warm clothing, was the man who did the work of procuring the needed articles and distributing them. In the coal question Herbert J. Ball gave invaluable and expert assistance in getting together material and information. While it would be possible to continue this list indefinitely it may well be closed with an appreciative mention of Otto Hockmeyer, who has taken charge of the war work headquarters for the committee on public safety and has given unlimited time to making the headquarters serve every useful purpose. He has himself financed it, and by his characteristic energy gradually brought the headquarters to the point of its being recognized as the location of everything pertaining to the war.

When the committee on public safety started its work the country was more or less hysterical about what might happen. At no time has the committee been carried away by this feeling but, nevertheless, has tried to cover every avenue of danger in a proper manner. It does not promise that nothing can ever happen here, but it has certainly reduced the chance of misfortune and has provided means to take care of what does happen. Whether anything ever happens or not, the city has adopted a system of co-operation that should never be allowed to depart.

The committee reports to the public that all sorts of service, including public service, private service, corporate service, secret service and military service have joined hands here to make the community safe. The committee asks from the public a continuance of quiet confidence, a readiness to respond to any call of duty, a watchfulness against any incursion of organized vice here, a maintenance of the spirit of conservation, the elimination of waste and the upholding of that spirit of patriotism for which Lowell has always been noted.

The burden of caring for the safety of the city rests upon the shoulders of the mayor. This committee has endeavored in every way to support and aid Mayor O'Donnell and is prepared to support Mayor-elect Thompson in exactly the same way.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

Robert F. Marden,
Secretary of the Executive Committee.


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**BROADWAYS TO WATCH "THE OLD YEAR OUT AND THE NEW YEAR IN"**

Tonight at 11.30 o'clock the members of the Broadway Social and Athletic club will assemble at their rooms on Broadway, to watch the "old year out and the new year in." An elaborate program has been arranged for the affair and "open house" will prevail. All friends of the organization are invited, and indications point to a large number accepting the invitation. President Timothy F. O'Sullivan and an efficient committee have charge of the arrangements, and nothing will be spared to make the event one of the most notable in the history of the Broadways. Many of the talented members of the club, as well as some of Lowell's leading performers will appear on the program. Music will be furnished by Miner-Doyle's orchestra. Speeches appropriate to the occasion will be delivered and refreshments will be served.

**OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY AT COURT HOUSE OPEN FRIDAY MORNING**

The office of district attorney at the court house on Gorham street will be open on Friday morning, Jan. 4 from 9 to 11 for the examination of Lowell complainants and defendants who desire an examination of cases pending in the superior criminal court, in which they are interested.

Deposit that Christmas money in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank. It will begin to draw interest from Saturday, January 5, 1918.


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The quickest and simplest way to stop an ugly, hard, la grippe cough is to take

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In it, you get the curative influence of the pine balsam (so beneficial for inflamed bronchial tubes and sore chest) and other healing ingredients, together with the mollifying laxative action of honey.

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Lowell, Monday, Dec. 31, 1917

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## Our January Department Clearances

**Begin Wednesday, January 2nd**

**With Wonderful Under the Regular Prices In Our Women's Ready-to-Wear Section**

You who have followed these splendid mark downs for years past, profiting by the greatest bargains offered during the season, will appreciate our statement that this January the values are to be even more attractive than ever before. For the next month the slogan at our store will be

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$5.00 BOUCLE COATS—Reduced to..... $2.98
$5.00 MIXTURE and CHINCHILLA COATS—Reduced to..... $3.98
$7.50 CORDUROY COATS—Reduced to..... $5.00
$12.50 and $10.00 ZIBELINE and CHEVIOT COATS—Reduced to..... $7.50

### Winter Coats

$15.00 and $16.50 WINTER COATS—Reduced to..... $10.00 and $12.50
$18.50 and $20.00 WINTER COATS—Reduced to..... $15.00
$25.00 WINTER COATS—Reduced to..... $18.50
$30.00 and $35.00 WINTER COATS—Reduced to..... $25.00
SAMPLE COATS Reduced $10.00 on each Coat.

### Plush Coats

$25.00 PLUSH COATS—Reduced to..... $18.50
$35.00 PLUSH COATS—Reduced to..... $25.00

### DRESSES

$20.00 SERGE DRESSES—Reduced to..... $15.00
$25.00 SERGE DRESSES—Reduced to..... $18.50
$12.50 and $15.00 SILK POPLIN and TAFFETA DRESSES—Reduced to..... $7.50
$15.00 and $18.50 SILK DRESSES—Reduced to..... $12.50
$25.00 SILK DRESSES—Reduced to..... $18.50

### SKIRTS

$5.00 SKIRTS—Reduced to..... $2.98
$7.50 SKIRTS—Reduced to..... $5.00

### Children's Wash Dresses

CHILDREN'S $1.50 and $1.98 DRESSES—Reduced to..... 98c
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### RAINCOATS

$5.98 RAINCOATS—Reduced to..... $2.98
$7.98 and $10.00 RAINCOATS—Reduced to..... $5.00
$12.50 RAINCOATS—Reduced to..... $7.50

ON SALE WEDNESDAY MORNING

EAST SECTION TAKE ELEVATOR SECOND FLOOR

## INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

Patrick H. Kilbride, of 14 Stanley street, has received the following letter from his brother, Priv. William J. Kilbride, who is in France with the 101st Engineer regiment. In the letter Priv. Kilbride gives a resume of what the boys "over there" do on Sundays:

France, Dec. 9, 1917.

Dear Brother:—I received your letter dated Nov. 2 yesterday. I also received the other letters at the same time and I am very grateful because it is a real pleasure to hear from Lowell and home. It certainly cheers me up and makes me feel that the folks at home are with me in spirit.

Well, Patsey, in reply to ——'s question as to what I do on Sunday I will give you the program for last Sunday. Reveille was blown at 6.30 a. m. From 7 o'clock until quarter past we had setting up exercises; 7.30, mess which consisted of mush, bacon, corn meal, bread and coffee. Then from 8 o'clock until 10 we sat in our barracks reading and smoking and talking about general topics. At 10 o'clock I attended mass at the Catholic church which is very old, quaint and pretty. It seemed like St. Michael's in Lowell, as far as the mass was concerned but the surroundings were different.

At 12 o'clock we had mess again with the menu as follows: Potatoes, meat, carrots, bread and coffee. Not so bad, eh? At 1 o'clock we went down to the village depot to await the arrival of another engineer outfit that was due to arrive this afternoon. It got in about 2 o'clock and we gave the boys a cordial reception. Our band played "Dixie," as it was a southern regiment. They had all their equipment including automobile trucks, wagons, horses, mules, field kitchens and all the other necessaries. They will be billeted in various barns in the village. The men are a clean-cut set and talk with a southern accent.

Now, Patsey, I must tell you that I have not received the boxes which you sent, but don't worry, I will get them all right. There is probably a tie-up somewhere owing to the congestion of the mail.

I am glad that everything is all right at home and that the folks are well. I will write as often as possible. Remember me to mother.

With best wishes and good luck, I remain,

Bill.

**Private Arthur Pelletier**

Private Arthur Pelletier is spending the winter in France with the 101st infantry and in the midst of his pleasures he has found time to write the following missive to his brother, Louis Pelletier, of 310 Adams street:

Somewhere in France.

Dear Brother:—Just a few lines to let you know that I am in the best of health and having the experience of my lifetime. Everything is fine here. We are in good quarters and get good "chuck" and plenty of it. We have good officers and the fellows are a corking bunch.

Tell all the folks when you see them that I am perfectly all right and tell them not to worry. It won't be such a long time before I'll be coming back again to the good old U.S.A.

Wishing everybody a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Arthur.


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U. S. CAMOUFLEURS FOOL PRESIDENT

President Wilson is shown here receiving a lesson in camouflage from U. S. army camoufleurs. He has just been told that a man is concealed within 10 feet of him. You can tell by his "quit spoofing" expression that he is incredulous. A minute after the picture was snapped the "stone" in the foreground rolls back and a soldier salutes the president. A pit had been dug for his body and the "rock" had peepholes in the sides.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SOCIETY NEWS

Confessions in all the Catholic churches of the city were heard this afternoon and will also be heard this evening in preparation for the reception of holy communion on tomorrow, New Year's day, which is a holy day of obligation in Catholicdom. In many of the churches masses will be at the usual holy day hours, while in others the Sunday schedule will be carried out. Services will be held in the evening in many cases. At the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception churches, the Te Deum and Miserere will be sung this evening at 7.30, in observance of the passing of the old year.

Best wishes for the new year and exhortations for new resolutions were the predominant themes in the sermons of the preachers at the various masses yesterday.

Next Sunday evening, the annual union services of the Holy Name societies of Lowell and vicinity will be held at the Sacred Heart and St. Michael's churches. Rev. John M. O'Brien, O.M.I., will deliver the sermon at the Sacred Heart church, and at St. Michael's the preacher will be Rev. Michael Gilbride of Collinsville. The members of the various societies will meet at their own churches and then march to either St. Michael's or the Sacred Heart, in accordance with the section of the city in which they live.

Next Friday will be the first Friday of the month, and the usual services will be held.

At St. Patrick's church yesterday morning, the members of the Catholic Young Men's lyceum received communion in a body at the 7 o'clock mass, and there was a large attendance of members. Rev. William O'Brien, P. R., was the celebrant, and he was assisted in giving out communion by Rev. Timothy P. Callahan. Rev. Joseph A. Curtin sang the high mass at 11 o'clock, and Rev. Fr. Callahan preached the sermon. After the reception of communion yesterday morning, the members of the Young Men's lyceum assembled in their hall in Suffolk street where breakfast was served and an informal entertainment program carried out. Masses tomorrow at St. Patrick's church will be at 6, 7, 8 and a high mass at 9 o'clock. Services in the evening will be held at 7.30 o'clock.

Beginning tomorrow and continuing every Sunday thereafter, the mass which was formerly celebrated at 9.15 at St. Peter's church will be celebrated at 9.30. Rev. Francis L. Shea was the celebrant of the high mass at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, and Rev. Peter J. Linehan was the preacher. There was no session of the Sunday school yesterday afternoon. The masses on New Year's day will be at the regular Sunday hours, and services will be held in the evening at 7.30 o'clock. On Tuesday afternoon, a service flag containing between 250 and 275 stars will be raised in this parish and will be suspended between the rectory and the church. Appropriate exercises will accompany the flag raising and Rev. Daniel J. Keleher, the rector, will be the speaker. The exercises will be held out of doors if the weather is favorable, and the scheduled time is 3 o'clock. Next Sunday morning at the 7.30 o'clock mass, the members of the Holy Name society will attend their regular quarterly communion in a body, and in the evening they will assemble in the church at 6.30 preparatory to marching to the Sacred Heart church for the annual union services. A meeting of the Married Ladies' sodality will be held Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. The regular monthly communion of the Immaculate Conception sodality, scheduled for next Sunday, will be deferred one week.

Rev. T. Franklin Wood, O.M.I., celebrated the high mass at the Sacred Heart church yesterday morning and the pastor, Rev. John P. Flynn, O.M.I., preached the sermon. The Christmas music was repeated and this evening at 7.30, the Miserere and Te Deum will be sung. Masses on Tuesday will be at the usual holy day hours. Services in the evening at 7.30 o'clock. Tomorrow afternoon, the members of the Junior Holy Name society will entertain the children of the parish in the school hall. Preparations for the minstrel show by the young people of the parish, to be given next Friday evening in the school hall, are progressing favorably under the direction of Rev. William Mahan, O.M.I., and from present indications the affair should be very successful. A rehearsal was held yesterday afternoon. Rev. Fr. Mahan is being ably assisted by Leo G. Burke.

The high mass at the Immaculate Conception church yesterday morning was celebrated by Rev. Denis A. Sullivan, O.M.I., the pastor and Rev. Lawrence F. Tighe, O.M.I., delivered the sermon. At the early masses a large number of parishioners received communion. Masses tomorrow will be at 6, 8, 9 and a high mass at 10.30 o'clock. The Te Deum and Miserere will be sung this evening at 7.30 o'clock. Tomorrow evening vespers will be held at 6.30 o'clock.

Rev. Henry M. Tattan sang the high mass at St. Michael's church yesterday morning and Rev. Francis J. Mullin preached the sermon. Masses tomorrow will be at 6, 7, 8 (two masses) and a high mass at 9 o'clock. The latter will be followed by the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The annual parish reunion will be held Jan. 23 in Associate hall.

Rev. Patrick J. Hally, the pastor, celebrated the first mass at St. Columba's church yesterday morning and Rev. Dr. James J. Fox of the Catholic University at Washington sang the high mass. Masses tomorrow will be at 7 and 9 o'clock with services in the evening at 7.30.

At St. Margaret's church the parish mass was celebrated yesterday by Rev. William H. O'Connell. A large number of parishioners received communion at the early mass. On Tuesday the masses will be at 5, 6, 7 and 8 o'clock. Usual first Friday services will be held this week.

In St. Joseph's parish it was announced at all the masses yesterday that St. Joseph's college and St. Joseph's convent would not open until one week from today, Jan. 7. Beginning next Sunday the last mass will be at 11 o'clock and will be a high mass.

At the Notre Dame de Lourdes church yesterday morning it was announced that services in observance of the passing of the old year will be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock with the members of the Sacred Heart league and a Garde Sacre Coeur in attendance.

At St. Louis church the regular services were held yesterday and it was announced that beginning tomorrow the high mass would be at 11 o'clock. The parish school will open January 7.

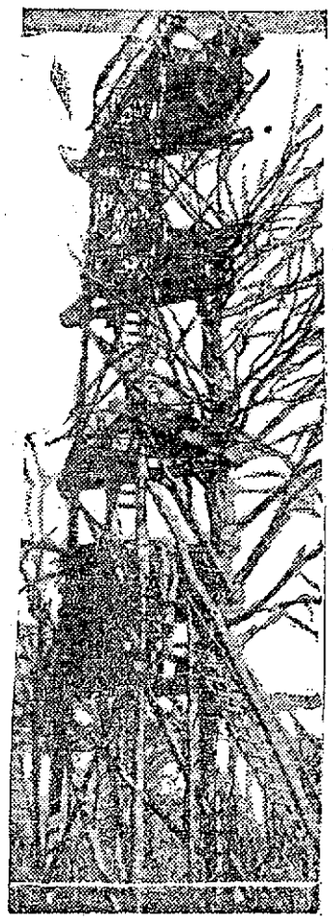
### CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED—COAL DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE POOR

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—The parishioners of the First Methodist Episcopal church on Temple street in the west end, voted yesterday to accept the recommendation of the pastor, Rev. William R. Gilbert, that services be suspended and the coal in the church bins be distributed among the poor of the district.

"It is all right," said Mr. Gilbert, "for us to pray that the situation be bettered, but I feel that we should do something more for these people."

## HUN WATCH TOWER HAS FOUR STORIES

If the top story of this German watch tower is shot off, the observer still can do his spying from



the third story—then the second, and first. The photo was taken from a German prisoner.

## SOCIAL AND DANCE

**St. Patrick's Holy Name Society**
**WEDNESDAY EVE., JAN. 2, AT 8 O'CLOCK, IN ASSOCIATE HALL**
Many pleasing numbers on Concert Program.
Miner-Doyle's Orchestra Will Furnish the Music.
ADMISSION 25 CENTS


**OWL THEATRE** TODAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY
HOLIDAY—DOUBLE ATTRACTIONS
**William Farnum**
In the Wm. Fox Super-Play,
**"The Price of Silence"**
A big dramatic story of a powerful man who resists a strong temptation. Mr. Farnum in this heroic role depicts in a wonderful manner the man's terrible sufferings.
**MONTE BLUE and CLAIR McDOWELL in "The Ship of Doom"**
A thrilling feature story of men at sea, their dangers, the code of honor and their method of revenge.
COMEDY—OTHER PLAYS

**STRAND THEATRE**
Secret Intrigues of the German Embassy and the Truths Regarding the Subtle German Propaganda Will Be Told By
ARTHUR FAIRBROTHER
Associated With JOHN R. RATHOM of the Providence Journal
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, FROM 11.15 A. M. TO 1 P. M.
BENEFIT OF THE
**War Relief Work**
TICKETS 50 CENTS

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NEW YEAR'S DAY
AFTERNOON AND EVENING
Associate Hall, Tuesday, January 1st
Miner-Doyle Orchestra—2 to 6, 8 to 12—Tickets 25c

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Ladies Occupying the Lucky Seat at Each Performance Will Receive Choice of Any
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The Most Notable Dramatic Event That This City Has Ever Known.
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$25.00 IN GOLD TO PATRON SELECTING THE BEST TITLE
Every Person Who Attends This Great Drama Will Have an Opportunity to Name It for Its Broadway Run—A Committee of Five Prominent Lowell Business Men Will Act as Judges and Award Best Title From Those Submitted During the Week.
Secure Your Seats Early and Arrange to See the Play as Early in the Week as It is Possible—PHONE 261—DO IT NOW.
Send the Children to the Matinees on Monday and Tuesday—800 Good Seats at 10 Cents.
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BESSY ATYIN in the "MAN AND THE BEAST"
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J. STUART BLACKTON and ALBERT E. SMITH PRESENT
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THEDA BARA
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**Du Barry**
The story of the greatest adventuress in the history of France—in 7 acts.
Wm. A. Brady World Film presents the entire star cast of the World Film Stars, including
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Henry Hull
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IN 6 ACTS

**JEWEL THEATRE**
TODAY AND TUESDAY
**"Over Here"**
Showing how the big forest was made into a big military city for our own boys from this and other cities in just 52 days. See the thousands of men, horses and auto trucks helping to win the war.
A FOX SPECIAL PRESENTS
DUSTIN FARNUM in
"DURAND OF THE BAD LANDS"
One of the best actors on the screen in an intense photodrama of life in these so-called bad lands.
PARAMOUNT'S LATEST AND GREATEST SERIAL
"WHO IS NUMBER ONE?"
Third Episode
With KATHLEEN CLIFFORD
Playing the lead in this mystery story. You can't help but be interested.
ALSO
AN L-KO COMEDY
CURRENT EVENTS
AND OTHERS
Resolve to Come to See the AMATEURS Tuesday Night. It's Barrels of Fun for All.

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ALL THIS WEEK WITH MATINEES DAILY—TEL. 28
**TONIGHT**
BIG NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION
WE WILL GIVE TWO COMPLETE PERFORMANCES
The First Performance at 7 o'clock—Second Performance 9.30.
All Seats Reserved for Both Performances.
MAY TULLY Presents
**"Mrs. Ritter Appears"**
A New Comedy by George Kelly
Direct from the Colonial Theatre, New York
**Burns & Frabito**
"SHOO'S"
The Popular Favorites
**McMAHON, DIAMOND & CHAPLOW**
In "THE RAG DOLL"
**Morris & Campbell**
"THE AVI-ATE-HER"
**Jennie Middleton**
The Charming Violinist
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In a Dazzling Diamond Act
The Greatest Photoplay Production of the Decade!!
The Most Celebrated Woman in the World in Her First Screen Appearance
**MARY GARDEN**
In "THAIS" 6 ACTS
Most Sensational Story of the Nineteenth Century
From the Famous Novel by ANATOLE FRANCE

**MERRIMACK SQ. THEATRE**
TODAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY AND WEDNESDAY
MARGUERITE CLARK in "THE SEVEN SWANS"
And in this picture you will find your old sweetheart again; perhaps only in mind but the same sweetheart of other days.
JEAN PAIGE in "THE SKYLIGHT ROOM"
Picturized for O. Henry's appealing story
ETHEL TEARE in Her Feature Comedy
"THE INTERNATIONAL SNEAK"
THURSDAY—WALLACE REID and MR. C. CHAPLIN

**CROWN THEATRE**
TODAY AND TUESDAY
The Blondely Beautiful Star
VIOLET MERSEREAU in "THE RAGGEDY QUEEN"
An engaging story of the love and adventure of a little waif in New York.
WM. DUNCAN and CAROL HOLLOWAY in "THE FIGHTING TRAIL"
See these few remaining episodes. OTHER PLAYS.

**Dance in Associate Hall**
NEW YEAR'S EVE
MINER-DOYLE'S ORCHESTRA
ADMISSION .....25 CENTS

**Polo** —AT— Rollaway
TWO GAMES TOMORROW
Providence vs. Lowell, 3.15
Providence vs. Lowell, 8.15

# RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND!

Say, fellows, we've got more to "swear off" at the beginning of this year than ever before, come to think of it. We've still got a very fair representation of the old habits, and we've been acquiring some new ones, during the past year. Moreover, the wisdom and duty of sticking to our new resolutions are stronger, this time, than ever before.

Consider what the new year promises. There is to be war more hellish than the world has ever before known, notwithstanding the extraordinary slaughter and barbarity of the past year. Even peace would find whole peoples ruined and the nations still alive, gasping with exhaustion. Even if democracy is saved to the world, it will be democracy weak and bleeding after an awful operation, democracy in the hospital.

Fellows, let's examine ourselves and see how strong the bad habit of thinking of and doing for self has got hold of us.

We've given a dollar to Red Cross and maybe thought of it as a sort of tip that didn't hurt us.

We've bought a bond. Oh well! there's four per cent interest in it; it didn't hurt.

Some of us have studied pretty considerably on how to "pass the buck" of war taxation.

We've paid a cent or two more for such things as cigars, postage and movie tickets. It didn't hurt. We've had a sort of hazy, indefinite idea that it was up to the other fellow to do most of the paying and fighting, and, mentally and physically, we've gone along in pretty much the same old comfortable way, satisfied that others would successfully perform whatever was to be done.

Let's swear off on being at all satisfied with ourselves, first thing in 1918!

There never was a time when the Lord gave more and greater opportunities for individual service for His people and His purposes.

An old bachelor can pay 13 cents for a smoke that formerly cost him 10, and not feel abused. But 40 cents will feed a French orphan for a month.

A dollar for Red Cross, and you get a flag for your window. But five dollars may save an only son to a widow.

You go out to billiards, or theatre, or poker game, or club doings, with your regular companions, all good fellows. But in the cantonments are fellows who are without mothers, fathers, home chums, who are alone in themselves, who have to take army provision and regulation in the raw and rough, and yet they are your brothers!

There is nothing more beautiful in these awful times than the long-distance adoption of foreign orphans by American families. Mr. Man, have you an orphan whose father died while defending your rights to liberty, home and happiness? Is there anything that you do directly to help and to save, beside subscribing an easy dollar now and then?

Let's swear off on regarding all that agony in Europe as remote and impersonal!

Let's swear off on giving and doing only up to the point where it hurts us!

Let's swear off on feeling that somebody else will do it!

We will, likely, climb on "the water wagon," and fall off at the first corner; eschew the weed with little Robin Reed, be cross and ugly around home and office until Feb. 1st, and then rush for the strongest, meanest cigar anybody has in stock; abandon blasphemy, and cuss till the furniture rattles, when the first shoestring breaks. We can pave, curb and put street car tracks in Hades with our usual good resolutions.

Let's swear on ourselves, for this year of world-crisis, close, direct, intimate, personal service to humanity, and do something, big or little, every day to hold us to it!

### THE FIRST NEW YEAR

In the beginning God created the heaven and earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

## WELCOME, LITTLE STRANGER!

BY BERTON BRALEY.

Here's 1918 stepping off at our door
While last year departs, to return nevermore.
He's gone with his baggage of trouble and woe
And few of us weep as we're watching him go;
But 1918—well, we greet him with hope
And trust that he'll show himself able to cope
With problems that stumped the old year. Oh we're keen
For luck and good fortune with 1918.

He comes as a child with an innocent smile
But he will grow up in a mighty brief while,
For battle and slaughter and conflict, in truth,
Will soon make a man of the callowest youth;
And 1918, we quite fervently pray,
Will take hold of things in the mantiest way
And help wipe the kaiser, et. al. off the scene—
A sizeable job for young 1918.

Oh 1918, you'll be weighed down by war
The burden of causes we're all fighting for;
We hope you can lead us to permanent peace
For not otherwise shall this mighty war cease.
We want to be free of this terrible fight
We pray you can end it—by ending it RIGHT.
But if you cannot, then we'll fight on, I ween
Long after you've left us, oh 1918!
And meantime, while whistles and bells make their din
You're welcome, young 1918, so come in!

HOW WILL 1918 ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

## REV. "KID" WEDGE TELLS HOW TO KEEP A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Special to The Sun

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 31.—Can a New Year's resolution be kept? How?

"Easy enough to keep a New Year's resolution if you really meant to keep it when you made it," replied the Rev. "Kid" Wedge, former prize fighter, and who now is doing Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Grant here.

The Rev. F. R. Wedge points to himself as one who made a resolution to turn over a new leaf and who turned it over and kept it turned over.

"It was a long and hard fight to keep my resolution," said the preacher who once delighted in the roughest kinds of fist battles. "But I won out. I made good, and I'll never get over being glad that I made the resolution and kept it.

"The trouble with most New Year resolutions are that they are made with 'fingers crossed,' and the maker doesn't really want to keep them. Consequently [illegible] doesn't back them up with [illegible] grit and will power he h[illegible]

"He slides back into his old habits, drink, vice, or whatever it was, because he didn't put his whole heart and soul into keping his New Year resolution."

If anybody in the world knows what he's talking about when he speaks of making and keeping resolutions Rev. "Kid" Wedge is the man.

He was born in the lumber camps of northern Wisconsin woods. His father was a lumberjack, and the "Kid" grew up among the rough, liquor-drinking, fighting men whose only "fun" was found in barroom brawls.

The lumber camp barroom was the school to which the "Kid" went.

While still in his teens he became the roughest fighter and worst tough in northern Wisconsin. He could drink more liquor than any other and he could get more vicious and dangerous when drunk than any other. His greatest ambition was to get everybody drunk, himself included, and start a free-for-all, rough-and-tumble scrap in which eye-gouging, strangling, head-busting tactics predominated.

From the barroom brawls he emerged a "roughneck" prize fighter, and fought many ring battles. He acquired a love for boxing which he still retains and has instilled in young men of his churches.

But it is clean, manly, scientific boxing he likes and teaches.

Then, one day, he asked himself: "What does this booze fighting and tough reputation get me?"

And he answered that question, too:

"Nothing!"

So "Kid" Wedge made his famous resolution. That was something like 15 years ago.

He quit drinking and started going to church and school. He spent more time at home and none in saloons. At first it was hard sledding. The good people didn't think him serious, and his former pals tried their best to pull him back to their low level.

But he kept on, making the keeping of that good resolution the biggest thing of his life. He studied, conducted a summer training camp for rich men's sons to defray his expenses. Four years he spent at the Omaha Theological Seminary and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister and given a church at Monroe, Neb.

Later he went back as pastor to Rhinelander, Wis., where once he had been the police's "toughest customer." Then he became an evangelist and preached the dual gospel of a clean, healthy body and a clean, Christian mind. For the former he prescribes athletics, outdoors and work; for the latter, church, school and home.

The fight Rev. "Kid" Wedge is most proud of is the one he fought with the vice-stained Chinatown and the vicious Barbary Coast of San Francisco, neither of which is a tenth as morally rotten as it was before he got into the fray.

And if he hadn't made and kept that resolution he wouldn't have done that. More than likely he now would be a human derelict in some big city's flop house.

J. C. RODGERS.

## SAILORS PREVENT CONFLAGRATION

ROCKLAND, Me., Dec. 31.—The section of Main street known as "the Brook" was swept by a $70,000 fire yesterday morning. Five business blocks were destroyed and six families were made homeless. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

A general conflagration was prevented by aid given by 84 men from the Naval Training station and the coast patrol boats. The snow and ice on all of the wooden roofs in that thickly settled locality also averted damage by flying embers.

Thermometers in the vicinity of the fire registered 23 degrees below zero, and there was a piercing northeast wind off the water.

Among the properties destroyed was the plant of the Rockland Opinion, a weekly newspaper, which has twice been burned out within 14 months. Ensign Otis, the editor and proprietor has decided to suspend publication until arrangements can be completed for a new plant.

The fire was discovered about 3 a. m. by W. C. Appleton, machinist's mate of a submarine patrol. When opposite the Bradbury shoe store he saw a sheet of flame at the northern end of Frye block. After sounding the alarm he assisted in removing two children from a tenement in the adjoining block which was ablaze when the firemen arrived.

The new combination chemical and engine froze at the hydrant.

Then followed a dramatic incident. From the roof of the Naval station rockets were fired and the powerful searchlight signalled the boats of the coast patrol fleet, the crews from 10 of which worked with such zeal that five were taken back to the station in a state of exhaustion.

A falling chimney knocked Clifford Brazier, a reserve, and James Gray, a fireman, from their ladder. The former sustained a sprained ankle and the latter had a bad scalp wound. He was sent to the hospital.

The fire swept from the bridge south of Masonic Temple to Limerock street on the western side, and after destroying the newspaper office, opposite the Y.M.C.A. building, was stopped within a short distance of the postoffice and customhouse.

Mrs. M. A. Bend, who conducts a lodging house, risked her life to save her pet cat, which had sought safety in the basement.

**New England's Fires Yesterday**

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| Rutland, Vt. | $125,000 |
| Rockland, Me. | 70,000 |
| Pepperell | 60,000 |
| Greenfield | 50,000 |
| North Troy, Vt. | 50,000 |
| Suncook, N. H. | 20,000 |
| Woonsocket, R. I. | 12,000 |
| Tyngsboro | 9,000 |
| Total | $405,000 |

## TO REGISTER GERMANS WEEK OF FEB. 4

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The week of Feb. 4 was set aside by the department of justice yesterday for registration of the half million unnaturalized Germans in continental United States.

Every German is required to go to the registrar and make out triplicate affidavit information blanks and to furnish four photographs of himself—one for each affidavit and one for his registration card. The photograph must bear his signature written on the front and must not be larger than three square inches. It must be on thin paper and have a light background.

The affidavit provides for recording name, address, age, place of birth, occupations and residences since Jan. 1, 1914, date of arrival in the United States, whether married, names and ages of children, whether the registrant has or has had any relative in arms against the United States, whether registered for the draft, military training, naturalization conditions and similar information.

A full description of the man and the prints of each finger must be taken by the registrar. The registrant must swear to the affidavit before the registering officer.

Small postoffices not equipped with fingerprint apparatus are advised to borrow a small quantity of printer's ink and a roller from the town printer and to make the impression upon the ink spread on a pane of glass. One of the triplicate records is to be kept by the registration agents, one sent to the United States marshal and one to the department of justice at Washington.

In cities of 5000 or more population recorded by the 1910 census, a list of which is issued by the department of justice, the chief of police and his assistants will administer the registration. In smaller communities and rural districts registration will be conducted by the postmasters and the postmaster of the largest office in the local judicial district, in most states the equivalent of a county, will be the chief registration officer to gather the reports from the others and forward them to the United States marshal and the department of justice.

## AMUSEMENT NOTES

Note:—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

### B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

The story of "Thais," the Goldwyn picture in which Mary Garden makes her screen debut, and which will be headlined at the B. F. Keith theatre this week, is taken from the most sensational novel of the 19th century. When Anatole France, one of the greatest living French authors, first produced the novel it took the world by storm. It has gone through many editions, and is still selling in large numbers. Sometime later the famous composer, Jules Massenet used the story as the basis of one of his best operas. Mary Garner, who will be seen in the foremost role in the picture, wonderful Mary, has sung the title role of "Thais" many times. Chiefly because of her sympathetic and highly intelligent personation of the heroine of the opera, Goldwyn was able to obtain the screen rights from the author, M. France. The Goldwyn firm made certain of the popularity of this theme before beginning the work of photographing it. He held a popularity contest, and "Thais" was selected as Miss Garden's best role, while "The Juggler of Notre Dame" was second and "Salome" third. Miss Garden said that undoubtedly many thought the last name her best role, although they did not dare to sign their names in the contest.

"Mrs. Ritter Appears" is the vaudeville headliner of the week. It is a comedy of many very fine points, bright in story and in development, clean and a comedy every minute of the time. It concerns an amateur performance by society folk, and in the leading roles are Herbert Russell and Virginia Edwards. Others in the cast are Misses Jennie Dickerson, Alice May and Estelle Thebaud.

Burns and Frabito are funmakers, just that and nothing more, and they make claim to nothing else. However, they pour forth fun as easily as a lark does music, and they call their act "The Italian Front." Both men have had wide experience with comedy, and they have always been fortunate enough to land upon some subject which wil please the public.

McMahon, Diamond and Chaplow, two girls and a man, do acrobatics as easily as most of us walk. But they do not rely upon acrobatics to pull them through. No, it is the combination of fun, dancing, singing and acrobatics that makes them one of the best trios in the business today. Mossis, and Campbell, a man and a woman, have a skitlet called "Avi-ate-Her," and it is all about aviation and kindred topics. Miss Jennie Middleton is a young violinist who has astounded the critics with her bowing and the Littlejohns are jugglers and club swingers of note. The Hearst-Pathe pictures will be shown at every performance throughout the week. Tonight two performances will be held, the first opening at 7 o'clock, and the second at 9.30.

### OPERA HOUSE

A play without a name and a prize of $25 in gold to be given away free by the management to the person who selects the most appropriate title for the piece, are two of the many interesting features in connection with this week's production by the New Emerson players at the Opera House. Every person attending the performances of the week will be given a slip of paper on which he is invited to place his name and address, as well as his selection of a title to the play. These slips will be turned over to a committee of five well-known Lowell persons, who will act as a committee to decide a winner. On Monday night of next week the award will be made. Such a generous offer has seldom, if ever been made by a local stock company, and there is no question but what patrons generally will avail themselves of this opportunity of winning a most acceptable New Year's gift.

The play is the product of one of Broadway's popular authors and is said to compare favorably with the very highest types of stage creations of the present day. It tells a wonderfully good story, has many interesting characters taken from every-day life, thrilling climaxes and tense scenes, as well as an ample sprinkling of comedy to make the combination a delightful and thoroughly enjoyable one. In staging the piece Carroll Daly will find rare chance to display his ability as a director. Douglas Dumbrille, the clever leading man of the players and Miss Rotoli will find the piece a most congenial vehicle in which to reflect their talent, while the remaining members of the cast will be found in pleasing roles.

On Monday afternoon and night the management is again making the offer of a check calling for any $25 suit to be selected from the extensive stock of the Yorke shop in Central street. This offer, which is a bona fide one, is to the women folk alone. All holding reserved seat coupons will be eligible in the afternoon the reserved seats are 20 and 30 cents, and at night 50, 30 and 20 cents. Remember there are two offers, one for the matinee performance and the other for night. No one directly attached to the theatre is eligible. Order your tickets early and avoid disappointment.

### THE STRAND

Henry Hull, one of the stars of "The Volunteer," and a recognized favorite of the screen, will be presented in person by William A. Brady of the World Film corporation at The Strand at the matinee today. Mr. Hull is at present engaged in the stage production of "The Man Who Came Back," now being presented at Ye Wilbur theatre, Boston, and is scoring a big hit with the theatregoers of the Hub. One of the most interesting features in connection with his coming and his reception to the patrons, is the fact that he will be seen on the screen at the same performance in the presentation of "The Volunteer" which is to be the big screen feature for the first three days of the week. It is a rare and fortunate opportunity that presents itself to local photo-play lovers to see a star in reel life and real life at practically one and the same time. In "The Volunteer," besides Mr. Hull, there also appears such film celebrities as Madge Evans, the child actress who ranks with Mary Pickford and others of her type, our own June Elvidge and Montague Love, Ethel Clayton and William A. Brady himself. Such a collection of stars have never before been seen in a single production.

Life was just one beautiful dress after another for Theda Bara when she was making "Du Barry," the William Fox production which is to be presented during the first three days of the week. There was a collection of gowns that would make the average woman's head swim, and the beautiful actress found untiring pleasure in them. It is remarkable that this lady, who perhaps has worn more beautiful clothes than any other woman in the world, should find it possible to become enthusiastic over each new creation. Miss Bara not only reflects her exquisite and artistic taste in dress, but also her exceptional ability as an interpreter of high dramatic art in the presentation of "Du Barry." Those familiar with her work will find in her latest production a side to her stage endeavors never before uncovered. See her and the wonderfully clever cast that is assisting her.

Besides the above features, the program will include one of those high-class Vitagraph comedies, and the usual interesting and instructive Strand revue, in which the current events will be told in picture form. Nothing more interesting has ever been shown, especially at this time when the opportunity for unusual subjects is great. The musical numbers by The Strand Symphony players and Henry Kenney, tenor soloist, will add materially to the general enjoyment of the bill. Don't miss this afternoon's treat. Performance begins at 1 o'clock sharp and continues to 11 p. m.

### ANNUAL BANQUET AND REUNION OF MEMBERS OF ST. PATRICK'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Plans for the annual banquet and reunion for the members of St. Patrick's Alumni association, which will be held tomorrow evening, were completed at a meeting of the committee yesterday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by Chairman John J. Flannery and the program announced was as follows:

Address, Rev. George O'Connor, one of the chaplains at Camp Devens; address, Peter Collins of Chelsea; address, Mayor James E. O'Donnell; address, Rev. Bros. Osmund. The musical program will include selections by a quartet of soldiers from Ayer as well as numbers by local talent.

### SMALL POX REPORTED

A case of small pox, the first for some time, was reported late Saturday afternoon to the local health authorities. The person affected with the disease is Fred Brinkman, 35 years of age, employed at the United States Cartridge Co. and residing at 186 Appleton street. The case is not considered a very serious one, but the home has been quarantined.

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To all our readers we wish a happy and prosperous New Year.

### GET READY TO WALK

Judging from the reported stress of the street railway company owing to the lack of coal and other difficulties it would not be surprising soon to find the service suspended altogether. In that event everybody who cannot use a jitney, an auto or horse-drawn vehicle would have to walk. The heavy overcoats and wraps will then be very necessary in braving the severity of the weather. The people in the suburban districts would be the chief sufferers in case the car service were suspended. The industries also would suffer as the people could not get to work on regular hours. Moreover, many could not withstand the ordeal of walking to and from their work in severe weather. As a result there would be sickness and many cases of pneumonia. It is possible that although we have been criticising the street car service, we may never fully appreciate its worth until we experience the want of it even for a short time.

Supt. Hickey is doing all in his power to give the public the best service possible with the resources at his command. He took charge of the local division just as things were going to pieces as a result of adverse economic conditions. He has since had to contend with the loss of employes who left the service to enter the munition factories or to respond to the call to the colors. Now comes the shortage of coal to cap the climax and threaten a general suspension. While the men work but the regular hours on schedule time Supt. Hickey works not less than sixteen hours a day in an effort to make improvements and keep the lines running as nearly as possible on time. During the past week, the officials were greatly handicapped by the lack of men to complete the various shifts. When the actual conditions are known, the public will sympathize with Supt. Hickey rather than criticize him.

### WAR DEPARTMENT PROBE

The investigation at Washington shows that the men in some of the training camps suffered greatly from want of suitable clothing, from overcrowding and the lack of hospital facilities. It is asserted even that many deaths resulted from these causes. It is but natural to assume that such conditions should arise as a result of the rush with which the cantonments were erected and filled by the drafted men. It is known that to meet the conditions complained of, clothing and equipment were ordered before congress voted the appropriations; but even with this anticipation of the needs of training camps, many contracts were not filled on time. The delay was due to strikes and other causes over which the war department had no control. Even congress delayed its authorization so long that had not the war officials acted upon their own authority, matters would have been still worse. Unfortunately it is true that there have been a great many deaths from pneumonia following outbreaks of measles. Thus, for the week ending Dec. 7, there were 171 deaths from pneumonia in the National Guard and 47 in the national army, while from all causes there were 264 deaths. These totals are not much above the average for the cold weather. There was considerable suffering from cold before the cantonments were fully supplied with steam heat. This was the case in Camp Devens, but other camps apparently suffered to a greater extent. With the camps now thoroughly comfortable, many of the men contracted colds from exposure during the drills and other exercises calculated to train them to endurance of hardships.

These are the inevitable consequences of the hurry with which the camps were constructed and the men assembled for active training. We do not suppose that anybody can be blamed for conditions that were unavoidable unless by postponement of the draft until all the camps and the necessary clothing and equipment were on hand.

### OUR LOCAL WAR WORK

The past year was a very trying one for Lowell, not only in meeting the demands of the war but in responding to the various local appeals coming as a result of war work.

The city made a splendid response to both the Liberty Loan appeals, to the various campaigns for the Red Cross, the Y.M.C.A., and the Knights of Columbus war service campaigns.

Besides, the exemption boards were prompt in sending Lowell's quota of drafted men to Camp Devens; and it is safe to say a finer body of young men could not be found anywhere. In addition to these, there were a great many volunteers who entered the service previous to the draft. These have already been heard from in the work of fighting the submarines and on the western battlefront. One Lowell boy, Oliver Moulton Chadwick, is believed to have lost his life in the French aviation service, while George Francis Rogers was one of the victims in the sinking of the United States transport "Jacob Jones." Several Lowell men have fallen in the French service so that as usual, Lowell's record for patriotic sons whenever the nation needs defenders, is maintained in the present world war as in past struggles.

But the masses of our population have settled down to a determined effort to meet conditions as they come without a murmur. The cost of living has jumped still higher and yet there is little complaint. The scarcity of sugar has affected many families having small children, and the coal shortage still more severely, but the people under these hardships have shown remarkable patience and forbearance. They go along on the belief that being in the war, certain inconveniences are inevitable and must be borne, while it becomes the duty of all, whether at home, in the store, the factory or the training camp to work for the sustenance of our forces in the war and for the final triumph of American arms, the overthrow of Germany's ambition for world domination and for a new birth of freedom and democracy for all the world.

### NINE MONTHS' WAR WORK

At this time a review of our war work for the year is in order. Although but nine months have passed since we entered the world war, already we have troops in the trenches in France and an army of about 700,000 men in training, while the registration under the selective draft law will furnish an army of from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 men, if such be needed.

The work accomplished under the difficulties of inadequate transportation, in making preparations to assert our full force in the war next year, has never been surpassed, perhaps never equalled, by any nation.

The training of the men and their equipment for active warfare, however, are simple matters and comparatively easy compared with that of their transportation across the Atlantic in the face of the submarine menace.

Our small standing army went to France early in the summer and was soon followed by drafted men for final training near the front. As a result, for some months past a force of American soldiers have been operating with the French troops on the western battlefront, while a force of American engineers has already rendered excellent service not only in preparing for the reception of the American army in France, but in actual service in co-operation with the French army. But the principal assistance rendered by the United States to the Entente Allies consisted in the advance of large financial aid to the nations needing it most and the service of our navy, which soon after the declaration of war in April, was ordered to join the British navy in combatting the submarine menace. Without this aid there is little doubt that England would have been forced to submit to terms dictated by Germany which would have enabled that military despotism to wage war later on against this nation and on this side the Atlantic. The collapse of Russia as a fighting force against Germany has been a serious blow to the allied cause, enabling the Teutons to draw their armies from the eastern front and place these, together with their prisoners set free in Russia, all upon the western front to force the fighting before the full United States army gets into the trenches. This has given Germany a new lease of life in the war and hence the Allies may be hard pressed before the American army can assert its full strength against the enemy. That will not come next spring nor will it be quite possible next fall.

Germany foresees that with a great American army holding part of the western front and a powerful American navy operating against the submarines, her doom will be sealed eventually and that the longer she fights the worse will be her final defeat.

The question of "ships, ships, and more ships" with the United States is the paramount demand of the hour and to this the supreme effort of this nation must be directed.

Taking the situation with all its difficulties and all its momentous phases, as the New Year dawns, we do not see any ground for discouragement; but we do see the most imperative and overpowering reasons why this nation must speed up in every department in ships, in transportation, in training and in industrial production. Let not our people suppose that our army or our navy can win this war without a united people working night and day to maintain them, to equip them with the best of everthing that is necessary to their success—food, clothing, ammunition, transportation, ships for transports and more fighting ships with plenty of men to man them. Our people at home must furnish the sinews of war if they expect their army and navy to triumph. It is gratifying to know that the responses have thus far been generous and patriotic and that if the same spirit be maintained to the end, as we are confident it will, there can be no other conclusion to the war than a glorious victory for world freedom and democracy, made possible only through the might, the wealth and the self-sacrifice of the United States.

### SEEN AND HEARD

We all of us need a great deal of tact to get along well in life—that is to say, a great deal more tact.

Don't try to satisfy yourself by considering that anyway you keep your promises as well as other folks keep theirs.

When somebody asks you for your opinion about something, it is wise to say first: "What do you think?" with a strong italic accent on the "you."

An actress doesn't care how many articles the papers print about her birthplace, so long as they don't tell how old she is.

All of us can endure a great deal of approval from our friends, especially if it is warmly and enthusiastically expressed.

There is no use in telling a married man what to do in his spare time. If a married man does what is expected of him, he doesn't have any spare time.

Some people insist on having the end seat in the row at the theatre, and some people insist on having the inside end seat of an outside row.

#### No Lawyer Needed

An Atlanta lawyer tells of a newly qualified judge in one of the towns of the south who was trying one of his first criminal cases. The prisoner was an old negro charged with robbing a hencoop. He had been in court before on a similar charge and was then acquitted.

"Well, Henry," observed the judge, "I see you're in trouble again."

"Yessuh," replied the negro. "De las' time, jedge, you rec'lect, you was mah lawyuh."

"Where is your lawyer this time?"

"I ain't got no lawyer dis time," said Henry. "Ah's gwine to tell de troof."—Oregon Journal.

#### A Brush for—and With—Wifey

The much-married man arose suddenly from his chair, nervously grabbed his hat and coat and vanished through the door. Ten minutes later his deskmate saw him return, slowly and apparently mediating on his sins.

"What hit you so quick?" he asked.

The married one hedged and hedged, but finally blurted out the truth.

"I remembered all at once that my wife wanted me to get something up town. I thought I'd better do it before I forgot for good."

"But you didn't bring back anything with you."

"No. That's the worst of it. I remembered I had to get something, but when I reached the street I found I hadn't remembered what it was."

Fifteen minutes later the much-married one again leaped to his feet, exclaimed "Hair brush! hair brush!" and was gone.

The next morning the deskmate noted that when the much-married man arrived he had in his hand a package, which might well contain a hair brush.

"Well, did you get it?" he asked.

The M. M. M. took up the package and gave it a look of long suffering.

"Yes, I got it," he answered wearily. "I got it. But she wanted a toothbrush—not a hair brush."

#### When Home Cooking Failed

Sized up as a whole home cooking is all it's cracked up to be, but there are isolated instances where it fails to measure up to specifications drafted by poets, oracles and young husbands who extol the things that "mother used to make."

Right off, lest there be any misunderstanding, let it be said that the new maid and not Friend Wife was responsible. She called her the "green girl." Perhaps you know the kind—willing enough, but sadly deficient in experience.

That night there was to be a guest at dinner, a young man whose favorite dish is kidney beans, and before hastening away to the surgical dressings class the missus charged the "green girl" to faithfully carry out instructions in preparing and baking 'em.

When dinner was announced everything was apparently satisfactory. Mr. Husband uncovered the beans, Friend Wife expressed a wish that they were done "just right" and the guest fairly beamed. Then the husband glanced at his wife. She sensed his anxiety.

"Kidney beans, Helen?" he asked. She assured him that kidney beans was the order.

He tried them and groaned.

They called the "green girl" and asked what had happened. She protested that she had followed instructions to the letter. By degrees they gathered the truth. In the pantry, near the jar of kidney beans, Friend Wife had a jar of peanuts, shelled but with the red inner lining intact.

The maid had baked the peanuts.

#### ONE-SIDED

Oh a one-sided game is a bore
And a one-sided fight is as bad,
While a one-sided bet is a hard thing to get
And a one-sided joke makes you mad.
But of all of the one-sided things
Which serve our existence to mar,
The one which, I wot, is the worst of the lot
Is a wholly one-sided cigar.

You light it with pleasure any joy
Its end in your molars you clinch.
And you puff it in glee till you suddenly see
That it's burned down one side for an inch;
Then you use fifteen matches to make
The other side burn down as far,
But spite of endeavor it evens up never
The purely one-sided cigar.

It may have some shape when you start
Perfecto or slim panatella
But ere you escape it has turned to a shape
Like a shabby half-opened umbrella;
There's only one thing you can do
That's to smoke one side down to a char,
Then, though you may smother, just smoke down the other.
And beat the one-sided cigar!

—Berton Braley.

#### THE PEOPLE'S CLUB

The second course of demonstration lectures on "War Time Cookery" at the People's club will open Wednesday afternoon, the dates and subjects of the course to be as follows: Jan. 2, "More Ways to Release Wheat;" Jan. 9, "Meatless Tuesdays;" Jan. 16, "Conservation of Odds and Ends;" Jan. 23, "War Time Desserts;" Jan. 30, "Fruits and Vegetables as Foods;" Feb. 6, "Butter Economy and Substitutes."

A supply of first class staple groceries is carried by the club and members of this class are allowed to purchase the same co-operatively. This work has received the endorsement of the food commission committee.

Saturday, January 5, 1918 is "Quarter Day" at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.


TRUCKS

Wants—Real live dealer to handle the best selling, low priced ton and one-half truck on the market. For particulars write K 85, Sun Office.


# MAN IN LOWELL ESCAPED FROM THE TURKS

After being wounded four times in the body while serving as an unwilling member of the Turkish army during the battles of the Dardanelles, and later wounded in the head while doing spy duty for the British army, Iskender Konuyunjian finally made his escape from the European turmoil and eventually came to Lowell. He is at present employed at the Waterhead mills and is making his home at 512 Central street.

Besides his tough military experience, the young man, who is only 36 years of age, has been separated from his wife and baby and has not received one word as to their whereabouts for a couple of years. When Iskender reached this country at the request of his employer he registered for the draft, giving his age as 30 years, despite the fact that he had passed the 36th anniversary of his birth. After being examined by a physician of one of the exemption boards at West Hoboken, N. J., he was found physically fit for service, although he had five bullet wounds in his body, but was exempted on the ground of being an alien.

For four years prior to the opening of hostilities in Europe Iskender was employed as a cavalry gendarme by the Turkish government at his home in Deurtyol, Turkey, receiving about $17 a month for his services, being obliged to support his wife and two children and keep a horse on that money. When the war broke out he was enlisted against his will in the Turkish army and served in the infantry at Constantinople, later taking part in some of the great battles of the Dardanelles. It was during these battles that he was wounded four times, once in the right elbow, another time in the left shoulder, a third time in the right thigh and finally in the lower part of the left leg. After he was confined to a field hospital and while on the dangerous list he was informed of the death of his daughter.

After recuperating, the young soldier was again sent to the front, but Iskender had made up his mind to escape from the army and he did. While a fierce battle was going on between the British forces and the Turkish army, Iskander made his escape under a heavy fire and in order to escape his followers, he threw himself to the ground among corpses of Turkish soldiers and remained there for seventeen hours. Later he was picked up by British officers and brought into the British camp. There he was divested of his Turkish uniform and was attired in what is known as the "slave" garment. He was then supplied with food and tobacco, but was not allowed to do any work.

For seven months he remained at the Dardanelles with the British army, being a member of a party of 33 Armenians, who had been made prisoners. The Armenian prisoners petitioned the British officers for their liberty and after some time their request was granted. The men were then sent to Cairo, Egypt, under guard and there disbanded and given their liberty.

Iskender secured employment at Cairo and later through the efforts of Mr. Catount, a former English consul at Alexandria, the young man was sent for by the pasha and engaged as

ISKENDER KONYUNJIAN

a spy for the British army in Syria with three other of his fellow-countrymen. The Mediterranean sea was crossed and when Iskender landed in Syria he was shot in the head. This did not prevent him from conducting his mission, however, and for 17 days he worked through the mountains and along the sea shore, gathering what data he could concerning the fortifications of Syria. Later he was picked up by a French steamer and brought back to Alexandria, where he turned his documents over to the British officers. While in the British service Iskender received 25 pounds sterling a month and when he resigned his position he was offered 50 pounds a month to keep up the good work, but his wounds did not permit him to do any more rough work.

Iskender worked in Alexandria for some time and when he had saved enough money he secured a passport and came to this country by way of Italy, making the voyage in two months. After landing in New York he secured employment at West Hoboken and it was while in the latter place that he registered for the draft. The young man came to Lowell at the request of Dr. A. H. Kludjian of 101 Gorham street, this city.

Speaking about his experiences with the Turkish army Mr. Konuyunjian said he was poorly clothed and was forced to wear wooden shoes. He was allowed but nine ounces of bread every 24 hours with a bowl of bean soup, while meat was very scarce and when given it was in very small quantities. The pay of a Turkish soldier is 8 cents a month and in 17 months he received his pay twice, that is he was given 16 cents for 17 months' work. His wife and child disappeared shortly after his forced enlistment in the Turkish army and he does not know whether they are dead or alive. The young man told of seeing Turkish officers shot by German officers after refusing to separate families and send their members to different parts of the country. He said one cannot picture the sufferings that are being endured by the Armenians in Turkey. He is glad to be in a free country and said he would be the happiest man in the world if he could locate his wife and child.


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# CIVIL WAR IN PROGRESS IN EASTERN SIBERIA

PEKING, Dec. 30.—Civil war is in progress at Irkutsk, in eastern Siberia, on the trans-Siberian railroad and in the surrounding districts. The town was set on fire by Red Guards after they had murdered the French consular agent and three other Frenchmen. Many persons, including women and children, are being murdered and street fighting in under way.

The Bolsheviki continue to receive reinforcements and ammunition from Krasnoyarsk. The Cossacks are offering determined opposition to the Red Guards. The Siberian railway guards are outnumbered and are being killed or driven from their posts. Communication with Petrograd has been cut off.

Harbin is quiet with the Chinese in full control. They are guarding the banks, stores and railways.

#### SERVICE FLAG RAISED

While the congregation sang "The Star Spangled Banner" a service flag was raised at the left of the altar at St. Paul's M. E. church at the regular Sunday morning service yesterday. The flag, which was donated by Mrs. Chas. H. Stowell of the church, was presented by Mr. Perry, while the gift was accepted by the pastor, Rev. A. C. Skinner. The flag contains nine stars.

# LIEUTENANT WILSON AND HIS BRIDE

War bride and groom they are—Lieutenant and Mrs. William B. Wilson, Jr. The young man is a son of Secretary of Labor Wilson

and the bride was formerly Miss Rosemond Barnes of Elmira, N. Y. Lieut. Wilson is assigned to Camp Dix and Mrs. Wilson has accompanied him there. She will assist at the canteen.


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## OUGHT TO REGISTER YOUR AUTO

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 31.—...ite of the pleadings of the high-...commission, not more than 25 per ... of the pleasure automobiles ...d in this state have thus far been ...tered for 1918, and there are more ... 90,000 cars which will have no ... on the highways after midnight ...ht.

...e than six weeks ago the com-...on began a campaign for registra-...of cars for 1918. A notice was ...to each car owner, advising him ... he could save trouble and delay ...himself if he would forward his ...cation for registration before ...tmas. The widest publicity was ... in the newspapers to the aim of ...commission to assist motorists by ...g their registrations ready for ... prior to Jan. 1, but all to little ... as only 35,000 pleasure vehicles ... been registered. The commercial ...rs have done better, as they have ...tered more than 15,000 of their ... a percentage much higher than ...of the pleasure car owners.

...y owner who attempts to operate ...row an automobile bearing a 1917 ...ration plate will not only sub-...himself to the probability of ar-...for operating without a license. ...n case of accident he must bear ...ull burden of responsibility, no ...r what the real merits of the ...ent may be, because under the ...his car has no right on the high-... at all. He is also very likely to ...his license to operate, as the high-... commissioners will probably not ...sposed to deal very leniently with ... who have refused to accept the ...mission's offer to aid them in get-... their registrations.

...r advice to those who haven't ...tered," said one of the commis-...rs today, "is to keep his car off ...highways."

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### ...-ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFI-...ERS BY THE MATHEW TEM-...PERANCE INSTITUTE

...ere was a large attendance at the ...ing of the Mathew Temperance ...tute yesterday, the occasion be-... the semi-annual election of offi-... The contests for the various of-... were spirited and much interest ...


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...n a child who is rundown, has pale ...eks or thin blood, who will hesitate ...give that child the very thing it needs ...start it growing and keep it going? ...For over forty years the concentrated ...liid-food in Scott's Emulsion has ...en changing thinness to plumpness ...changing poor blood to rich blood. ...There is nothing better for growing ...ldren—whether they are weak or ...ll—than Scott's Emulsion, but see ...t you get the genuine Scott's.

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was displayed, the result being as follows:

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A committee appointed at last week's meeting to arrange for a New Year's eve celebration reported that they have planned for a concert, dance and various other forms of amusement, and refreshments will be served during the evening. The dancing will start at 8 o'clock and the festivities will continue until the small hours of New Year's Day. The following members are in charge: John J. Townsend, Thomas J. Durkin, Frank A. Clarke, P. Frank Reilly, William Busby and J. Frank Sullivan.

## FIREMEN BUSY IN BELOW ZERO WEATHER

An alarm from box 43 at 6 o'clock Saturday night summoned a portion of the fire department to a lively blaze in the storeroom of the A. J. Harris Co., iron founders and junk dealers, in St. Hyacinth street, off Tanner street. The fire had gained considerable headway before being discovered and it was several hours before the recall was sent in.

The front and one side of the one-story wooden structure was destroyed and the contents damaged. The place was filled with wooden barrels and burlap. Spontaneous combustion was responsible for the fire.

A boiler blowing off was responsible for the automatic alarm from the Barry Shoe shop yesterday morning at 8.26. Engine 4 responded but found no fire.

Another similar alarm was caused by the freezing of a pipe at the Lowell Shuttle shop at 11.10 yesterday morning. Hose 9 responded.

Some steam got into an attic in a house at 32 Porter street, which was thought to mean fire, and a telephone alarm at 3.13 yesterday afternoon called Engine 4 to the scene.

This is "Quarter Week" at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

### LOWELL HUMANE SOCIETY

The officers of the Lowell Humane society are kept very busy at the present time looking after neglected children and animals. The children receive the first consideration, but many of the quadrupeds have suffered as a result of the extreme cold weather and during the past few days about seven dogs and cats were put out of existence.

A dog in Pawtucketville was struck by an automobile Saturday. It was afterwards shot by Officer Gilmore. An angora cat with both front legs frozen was found in Bridge street near the corner of Seventh street and was also killed.

## RECRUITING HERE FOR POLISH ARMY

A large attendance listened to stirring patriotic addresses delivered yesterday afternoon at the Polish club in Colburn street, the affair being a rally for the purpose of recruiting for the Polish-American army now being organized to fight in France.

The speakers were Sergt. Frank Wieck, local recruiting officer; Sergt. John Jasinski of Boston, Lieut. S. W. Sielski, chief recruiting officer in Boston; Chaplain Marian Godlewski and Rev. A. Ogonowski, pastor of the Holy Trinity church in High street. In the course of the meeting American and Polish hymns were sung by the assembly.

### THE MARKET HUNTER SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF OUR GAME COVERS

The following appeal, addressed to all lovers of wild life, has just been issued by John B. Burnham, president of the American Game Protective association of New York City, the sportsmen's national organization with which the Lowell Fish and Game association is affiliated, requesting their united opposition to proposals that have been made of late to modify or suspend the laws designed to protect game on the plea that the food situation demands such action:

"An insidious propaganda, engineered by those who hope to profit by it, has been in existence in this country for some time now, designed to open the game covers of the nation to the market hunter under the plea that the war necessitates letting down the bars on game to replenish the food supply.

"While some respectable people have been led under a misapprehension of the facts into espousing this movement, it derives its major impetus from the commercial dealers in game allied with many large hotels, who long for a return of the good old days when they catered to the appetite of the epicure with game furnished by dealers who maintained an army of shooters from coast to coast.

"American game tottered on the brink of extinction when sportsmen and other lovers of wild life arose in their might and demanded and secured the passage of laws forbidding its sale.

"The false logic employed to bolster a shameless propaganda which has not hesitated to use the sacred cause of patriotism as a shield is revealed in a recent editorial expression of the Courier-Journal of Louisville, Ky.:

"'To suspend the fish and game laws,' says the publication, 'would be like deciding to kill all of the hogs and cattle at once, to avert starvation before feeling the pangs of hunger, thus insuring shortage at a later period when hunger might be felt.'

"The writer insists 'that there should be a rigid continuance of the conservation of fish and game,' and cites the indisputable fact that 'the laws do not prevent the use of any sort of fish or game which is in existence in sufficient supply to be useful.' Moreover, it is declared that existing laws are designed 'to protect the source of supply and permit the use of the supply.'

"The article in question agrees with this association that sinister influences are behind the proposals that have been made. It closes with these words, which should be taken to heart by everyone interested in the saving of wild life:

"A legislator wishing to make capital upon one hand as a patriot, and upon the other as an advocate of 'the people,' whom he could represent as being hard pressed for food, could make a facile speech demanding the abolition or suspension of fish and game laws. Short sighted persons would commend him and endorse the repeal of the protective laws for the period of the war. The conservationists, if they would defeat a much misguided response to an insincere effort to get the protective laws suspended, should be up and doing in every state. By vigilance only can they avert what would be the undoing, needlessly, of all that has been done during the last twenty-five years to prevent the extermination of game.

"Conservationists organized and unorganized should address at once those having to do with the enactment and enforcement of protective laws voicing their sentiments.

"We have yet to hear of a single individual connected with the conservation movement who approves relaxation of the wild life protective laws."

### REORGANIZATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND G. AND E. L. COMMISSION

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 31.—That Governor McCall will recommend to the incoming legislature, in his inaugural address, that the public service commission and the gas and electric light commission be re-organized and consolidated, is the report current about the state house today. The governor is known to favor merging of different departments of the commonwealth for the purpose of reducing the state tax, which has been largely increased in recent years.

The terms of Alonzo R. Weed of Newton, chairman of the gas and electric light commission, and that of Frederick J. Macleod of Cambridge, chairman of the public service board, both expire in 1918. The fact that the government has recently taken over the railroads of the country and the necessary reduction in the work of the service commission, is thought to be the foundation for the report of the consolidation.

However, the plea is being made on every side that the expenditures of the state for 1918 be kept down to pure essentials, and for several years Gov. McCall has been an open advocate of consolidation of commissions. In urging last year's legislature to reorganize commissions, he pointed to the successful merging of the Boston port directors and the harbor and lands commission in 1916. The governor estimated that a saving of 40 per cent in salaries and general expenses was made in that consolidation.

Other commissions which may be affected, if the governor carries out his plan of commission-merging, are the various boards which have to do with labor matters. The chief boards are the minimum wage commission, the board of labor and industries and the board of conciliation and arbitration. For many months the Massachusetts committee on public safety has usurped, to some extent, the prerogatives of the conciliation and arbitration board, but any move to abolish that body would be met with forceful opposition on the part both of laboring men and manufacturers, it is reported.

The term of Willard Howland of Chelsea, chairman of the board, expires in 1918, while Charles G. Wood of Concord has not yet been confirmed for reappointment although his term of office ran out several months ago. On the minimum wage commission, the term of Edwin N. Bartlett of North Oxford, chairman, expires in 1918, and on the board of labor and industries, John F. Tobin of Quincy comes up next year for reappointment.

Although Governor McCall recommended to the 1917 legislature that further steps be taken to obtain higher efficiency among the boards, no action was taken because the special committee on commissions reported "No legislation necessary." An attempt to create a joint recess committee to investigate on the consolidation situation was rejected on the recommendation of the committee on rules.

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### NATURALIZATION COMMITTEE

The following committee has been appointed to revise the rules of the permanent naturalization committee: Joseph Payette, Maxime Lepine and David A. Parthenais. This action was taken at a recent meeting of the committee during which 12 young man, who are to take out their naturalization papers this week were assisted in their initial step in becoming citizens of this country.

## FIRE DESTROYS BARN AT TYNGSBORO

The mammoth barn of the Lawndale farm in Tyngsboro was destroyed by fire early last evening, 75 tons of hay were consumed, two horses and a number of hogs lost their lives, and a large amount of vegetables destroyed. The loss will reach about $7000. The fire was caused by a horse kicking the lantern out of the hand of a man who was going through the building to see that everything was all right for the night. The man came too close to the animal and the latter kicked the lantern into a pile of hay.

There were seven horses in the barn at the time, but before the flames gained much headway five were led out in safety, but it was impossible to save the hogs and farm implements, all of which were a total loss.

The fire started about five o'clock. There were four employes in the building at the time. They were bedding the horses for the night. The latter work was done under the supervision of the owner, Potter Hazard, who went around with a lantern to see that the horses were properly cared for. One of the horses became restive and kicked the lantern out or Mr. Hazard's hand, across the floor to where the hay was stored.

The flames spread rapidly and although a number of the neighbors rushed to the place with extinguishers, the fire, fanned by a strong wind, consumed the entire building. The flames illuminated the sky for miles around.

The barn, one of the largest and finest in the town, was formerly part of the estate of Stiles and Baker. Later it became the property of Daniel Murphy now of Varnum avenue and still later—a few years ago—changed hands into the present ownership of Potter Hazard. Near it—about 100 feet away—stood the old Lawndale dwelling, but though threatened closely several times, the building was saved.

### SEVERAL OF THE LOCAL CHURCHES WILL HOLD WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

Watch night services will be held in a number of local churches this evening to mark the closing of the old year and the coming of the new one. Special programs have been arranged for the occasion, as follows:

Centralville Methodist: Evangelical gospel singing; sermon by Rev. W. B. Whitney; social hour; missionary play, "Sunlight and Candlelight;" refreshments; devotional service. Services commence at 8.

Worthen Street Baptist: Addresses by Rev. R. G. Clapp, Rev. F. W. Brett, Rev. G. E. Pickard, D.D., Rev. W. E. Woodbury; organ recital by Mrs. G. S. Drew. Services commence at 8.30.

Kirk Street Congregational: Addresses by Rev. W. F. English, Jr., Rev. W. A. Moore, a missionary from Gondia, India; Rev. W. E. Woodbury, Rev. G. E. Pickard, D.D., Rev. A. G. Lyon; devotional half-hour, led by Rev. A. M. Osgood. Services commence at 8.

Pawtucket: Sermon by Rev. G. E. Pickard, D.D.; trio, "New Year Messages," by Miss Armstrong, Miss Willmott and Miss Mansfield; address by Rev. H. I. Bailey; social hour and refreshments; closing devotional service, led by the pastor. Services commence at 8.30.

St. Anne's Episcopal: Singing by both choirs and address by Rev. Appleton Grannis. Services commence at 11.

Highland Congregational: Addresses by Rev. A. R. Dilts, Rev. H. I. Bailey, Rev. G. E. Pickard, D.D.; social hour and refreshmepts; final devotional half hour led by Rev. A. S. Beale. Services commence at 8.

St. Paul's: Social and literary hour in charge of the Christian Endeavor society; refreshments by the Ladies' Aid society; address by the pastor and consecration service.

Central M. E.: Church meets in union with the Kirk Street Congregational and the Paige Street Baptist churches at the Kirk street edifice.

First Pentecostal: Services commence at 8.30 p. m., and will continue until 12.10 a. m. There will be a social service, after which there will be preaching by District Superintendent N. H. Washburn; singing by the church choir and devotional exercises from 11 to 12 o'clock.

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### MORTALITY OF LOWELL

For the week ending Dec. 29, 1917: Population, 107,975; total deaths, 36; deaths under five, 7; infectious diseases, 3; acute lung diseases, 4; tuberculosis, 3.

Death rate: 17.33 against 16.37 and 15.41 for previous two weeks: Infectious diseases reported: Diphtheria, 4; scarlet fever, 1; measles, 9; tuberculosis, 5.

Board of Health.

### DIED SUDDENLY

Wm. H. Brierley, aged 62 years, of 74 South Loring street, died suddenly Saturday of heart disease. He had gone into the stable to feed his horse when he suffered the attack and dropped to the floor. His wife, after waiting for a considerable length of time for him to come to his dinner, entered the stable and found him lying on the floor. Medical Examiner Smith was called and pronounced death due to heart failure.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ann Brierley; one son, Eugene Brierley, and one sister, Mrs. Edward B. Clark.

### YOUNG PEOPLE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEET AT KIRK STREET CHURCH

An interesting meeting of young people and Sunday school workers was held yesterday afternoon in the Kirk Street church under the auspices of the Federation of Churches. The speaker of the afternoon was Dr. George E. Pickard, executive secretary of the federation, who took for his subject, "The Conservation of the Wealth of the Church."

At the close of the address the members of the Young People's Christian Endeavor union met in the lower rooms while the Sunday school workers remained in session in the upper rooms and organized with the following officers: Walter A. Chase, president; T. W. Gulesian, vice president and Nelson C. Hill, secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Young People's union:

"We, the Lowell Christian Endeavor union, hereby resolve—

"That we will heartily co-operate in the great simultaneous evangelistic campaign which will extend until Easter under the direction of the Federation of Churches.

"That we will assist our pastors in any way that we may be asked, either by attending services, asking others to attend or personal invitation.

"That each endeavorer devote part of his 'quiet hour' in prayer for definite individuals.

"That we recommend that each society form a 'Win One' or 'Win My Chum' group, whereby each endeavorer will try to win another to Christ by Easter."


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MONDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS



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Our stock consists of a full line of Ladies' and Children's Coats, Millinery, Furs, Infants' Wear, Hosiery, Blankets, Comforters and Flannels for every member of the family.

We also have a large stock of Men's Furnishings and Sweaters, more than you would expect to find in any one store.

We again wish to call your attention to the fact that starting Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1918, we will be closed three days a week until further notice.

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# GUN DIVISION OF ARMY CALLS FOR HELP

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—In connection with the announced campaign of the gun division of the army ordnance department for an army of stenographers, typists, index and catalog clerks and schedule clerks, it is interesting to observe the tremendous expansion necessitated in the ordnance department since the beginning of the war, particularly with regard to providing office accommodations for the clerical workers. It is impossible to give exactly the figures as to the number of employes, because the recruiting of office workers for the "civilian personnel," as they are technically known, is going on every moment of the day. However, it is known that at the opening of the war there were some 90 odd members in the "Civilian personnel" organization of the ordnance department stationed at Washington. Today a little more than eight months after the declaration of war, there are employed in the ordnance department, in Washington alone, more than 4000 office employes. The new estimates recently presented to congress by Brig.-Gen. Charles B. Wheeler, acting chief of ordnance, called for 3032 additional such employes by the 30th of June, 1918.

To provide offices for the enormous number of clerks has been one of the problems of the war department. At the opening of the war the entire Washington office force of the ordnance department was confined to the suite of offices assigned to that bureau in the state, war and navy building. The mushroom-like growth of the organization, however, has already caused the department to spread into 14 outside buildings. The ordnance department is now occupying the equivalent of four large office buildings and is looking forward to still greater expansion, having in view the erection of a temporary structure and possibly an additional permanent building.

The desire to be in Washington in such stirring times seems to have swept over the entire country. At present the great number of young women who are in Washington in the government service as stenographers, typists, schedule clerks, etc., is particularly noticeable at noon and at the closing hour of the government offices. They fill the sidewalks at these times and in the theatres in the evenings one sees them in groups. They apparently have come from all over the United States, many of them being in Washington for the first time, and they are enjoying hugely the many historical features of the city.

While there are constant newcomers the supply does not begin to keep up with the demand for stenographers and typists. Regular civil service channels have proved inadequate to produce the number required. This has resulted in each department endeavoring by its own efforts to recruit for its ranks the needed workers. The gun division of the ordnance department has launched a vigorous campaign of its own to encourage the taking of the newly modified civil service examination by men and women who really wish to do their share for the nation, but have not been fully informed how they may assist. In fact, a special force has been dedicated to this work and is sending inquiries broadcast for stenographers, typists, schedule, index and catalog clerks and mechanical draftsmen, all of whom are being asked to communicate with Room 330, 1800 Virginia avenue, Gun Division, Ordnance Dept., Washington, D. C., for particulars as to these positions.

### BLANKET YOUR HORSE

If you are a driver of a horse be sure and blanket the animal if it is left standing for any time. Many owners and drivers of horses neglect to do this and the horses suffer from the cold. If you are walking through the street, even though you do not own a horse, and find a blanket blown off the back of a horse pick it up and cover the horse.

Agents Richardson and Gilmore of the Lowell Humane society were kept busy Saturday, yesterday and today in looking after horses that were not blanketed. Some drivers are careless and forget that the horse has feelings and enter a house or store and leave the animal unblanketed.

### TAKES 12 YEARS TO MAKE WINNER—TAKES MINUTE TO TEAR IT DOWN

Special to The Sun.

"It takes 12 years to build up a championship ball club."

That's the way Charley Comiskey figures it out, and Comiskey ought to know, as he has built up several of them.

It takes about 10 minutes to break up a winning organization, if the man who owns it can make a deal that quickly.

William F. Baker pulled the foundation from under his block house with the stroke of a pen the other day. Baker had a near champion ball club in the Phillies, a pennant winner in 1915 and a runner-up in 1916 and 1917.

The chief reason Baker had a pennant winner and contender was Grover Cleveland Alexander, the greatest pitcher in baseball, and Bill Killifer, one of the greatest catchers. When he lost them he lost more than Alexander's ability to win more than 30 games a season and Killefer's ability to catch more games than any other receiver in the National league—he lost the winning confidence of the rest of his players and without that his club should finish somewhere between sixth and eighth.

There's a lot of phychology in baseball. Imagine, if you will, the confidence of a ball club going into the field with Alexander, in top form, in the box and Killefer behind the bat.

Figures do not lie and they show that Alexander wins three games out of four he pitches. These ballplayers know that they have only one chance in four of losing with him and play up to the confidence that knowledge breeds.

So, aside from losing a pitcher who would add in the neighborhood of 30 victories to the club's season totals, Baker has taken away a confidence that would bring other victories.

This fact is one of baseball's first axioms.

In 1914 Connie Mack stripped his American league champions of half a dozen stars. Since then the Athletics have finished a poor last.

The great Cub machine was broken into a pitiful selling plater after winning a pennant.

The loss of one star, Bill Carrigan, cost of the Red Sox a pennant.

And now Baker will have 12 years to build up what he tore down in a few minutes.

Of course there was some extenuation for Baker's action. His ball club has about reached the end of the road, anyway. Cravath, Paskert, Luderus, Bancroft, Rixey and several others have been "up there" for many years and have started to slip. Baker undoubtedly figures that he will be able to buy a lot of new material with the money he obtained from the sale of his star battery with which he can replace his old stars as they fade.

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# MORE MEMBERSHIPS FOR RED CROSS

Red Cross memberships for the year 1918 are continuing to pour in despite the fact that the campaign ended officially last Wednesday evening. An actual total of 29,831 has been reported to Campaign Manager Robert F. Marden and it will take just the slightest boost to push this over the 30,000 mark.

Since last Wednesday a total of 1710 names have come in from various sources and there are still a lot more to be counted. Lowell's quota was 30,000 and although this figure was not actually obtained at the close of the campaign, nevertheless, Mr. Marden felt justified in reporting to Boston that Lowell had reached her quota, basing his assumption on the new members who were sure to be reported later on. His estimate has been found to be pretty near the truth.

Some of the recent reports are as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| U. S. Cartridge Co. (additional) | 644 |
| Billerica Car Shops (additional) | 500 |
| Tyngsboro (additional) | 151 |
| War Work headquarters (additional) | 106 |
| Mass. Mohair Plush Co. (partial) | 131 |

Additional reports have been received from various other sources and many of the industrial plants are continuing to send in more names although it was thought that these people had been fairly well "covered." The Merrimack Manufacturing Co. is drawing close to a total of 1600 and there is still more to be reported from the U. S. Cartridge Co.

The war work headquarters, 119 Merrimack street, is still signing up new members and either L. E. Field or Ethel M. Brown, who are taking care of this work at the headquarters, will be on hand at all times to enlist belated members.

# REV. HARRIS PREACHES FAREWELL SERMON

Rev. Benjamin R. Harris, pastor of the Paige Street Baptist church, delivered his farewell sermon last night. There was a large congregation and much sorrow was expressed over the departure of the clergyman. During the evening, preceding the sermon there were two baptisms, and following the address of the pastor, five new members were received into the church.

Rev. Mr. Harris spoke in part as follows:

"We have come to our last service together. For over eight years we have worked in God's vineyard. I have been wondering for a whole month just what would be the last message I would deliver, and as I prayed and thought it over I could think of no better text than the following, which sums up my eight years' work in the service of Christ: 'I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.'

"What shall we do to be saved? That is the only question. You and I are anxious because of our boys in war; we are anxious when our children go out to fight the battles of the world, and if we could we would shelter and shield them as we have done all along. We are anxious—so anxious—that our boys and girls prove true men and women, and yet are we anxious that they find salvation?

"The important question in life is not what one is worth, not what one can do, not what one's reputation may be. The important question is: Are you saved, saved for this life and the life to come.

"The church is not something that prepares us solely for eternity. Christianity with such a single aim in view is worth nothing. Religion that helps us in our every-day life is real Christianity. Then, no matter what may happen, you and I have a Christianity that makes us safe.

"What may I do to be saved? Going into the baptismal waters won't save you. Uniting with the church doesn't mean salvation. These things, of themselves, never save unless we have back of them the faith that believes.

"If I were ill, there is one physician in Lowell that I would prefer before all others. I would be willing to place my life in his hands. When it comes to a question of law, there is one attorney whom I prefer to consult. Now Jesus Christ does not profess to be a lawyer, or a physician, but as the great redeemer we have the testimonial of hundreds of thousands whom he has saved. If you believe in him, you will accept him as your own redeemer."

### ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE Y.M.C.I. HELD YESTERDAY

The annual election of officers of the Young Men's Catholic institute was held yesterday at the rooms in Stackpole street. There was a large attendance and the meeting was presided over by President Shea. Considerable routine business was transacted and the committee on entertainment submitted a report of progress. This evening, the annual New Year's eve celebration will be held and it is expected that it will be one of the most successful ever conducted by this popular organization.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, John Shea; the selection for the board of trustees was Henry Driscoll, Andrew Doyle, Frank McCartin and Timothy Linnehan, Leo Callaghan and Walter Higgins, who were tied for the fourth member. Two of these will be selected at a special meeting of the society, to be called next Sunday.

### Teague—Donohoe

Mr. George W. Teague and Miss Suzanne J. Donohoe, both favorably known young people of Lowell, were married Saturday at 5:45 o'clock at the rectory of St. Patrick's church by Rev. J. J. Kerrigan. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Nora E. Donohoe, and Frank J. Teague of New York, a brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The bride was gowned in Duchesse satin and wore a veil caught with lilies of the valley. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and orchids. The bridesmaid was attired in pink brocade and white tulle.

A reception to relatives was held at the home of the bride, 1 Brooks st. The D. L. Page Co. catered. The ushers were Rickard J. Donohoe, a brother of the bride; Joseph G. Pyne, John V. Donoghue and C. Edward Cotter. Mr. and Mrs. Teague received numerous wedding gifts. They left on an extended wedding tour.

# SEES SECESSION OF LOWER CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Fielding J. Stilson, a Los Angeles capitalist, announced here today that he had been advised that he was to be appointed "diplomatic representative at Washington" of Gov. Estaban Cantu of Lower California. "I believe," he said, "this foreshadows the secession of Lower California from Mexico."

Mr. Stilson refused to discuss his announcement further than to say that he was to meet here today a personal representative of Cantu and expected to receive from him confirmation of his appointment.

# Great Suffering Throughout Country Caused by Most Severe Cold Wave on Record

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—New England was still suffering today from the most severe cold wave ever officially recorded in this section. In this city the temperature remained below zero all night, and to make matters worse the dawn brought a stiff northwest wind. The minimum was 8 below and at 8 a. m. it had risen only 3 degrees.

Plumbers and water department employes were kept on the run answering appeals from householders whose water pipes were frozen. Many fires were started by the bursting of hot-water fronts in stoves.

**Fuel Situation Serious**

In many districts the poor were faced with the danger of actual freezing in their homes. The scarcity of coal has forced them to buy in small quantities and as the coal yards were closed yesterday there was no opportunity for them to replenish their exhausted supplies. Municipal and charitable officials co-operated with coal dealers today in an effort to meet all needs.

The fuel situation in general remained serious. No coal arrived in the city yesterday and it was feared that the cold weather would result in great delay to supplies known to be on the way by rail and water.

**62 Below in Vermont**

New England's carefully preserved records of the cold spells of the past

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# BRITAIN TO REPLY TO PEACE OFFER

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Manchester Guardian says it is the intention of the British government, when the Austro-German terms of peace are presented officially, to return a serious and reasoned reply. Premier Lloyd George has arranged to visit France, according to the newspaper to confer with Premier Clemenceau on this subject.

# NEW HIGH RECORD IN AMERICA'S EXPORTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—America's exports were estimated today at the department of commerce to have passed the $6,000,000,000 mark in 1917, a new high record. Imports were less than $3,000,000,000 and the trade balance in favor of the United States probably will be more than $3,150,000,000.

# PROTESTS ELECTION OF ALIEN ENEMY MAYOR

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 31.—Fred C. Miller, German alien enemy and mayor-elect of Michigan City, Ind., was here today to appear before United States District Judge Anderson to answer charges filed by Martin T. Krueger, present mayor, seeking to enjoin Miller from taking office Jan. 7.

Mayor Krueger, in his application for a temporary injunction against Miller, declares Miller is ineligible to take office because he is not a citizen of the United States and that Miller's election was obtained through the votes of 850 alien enemies.

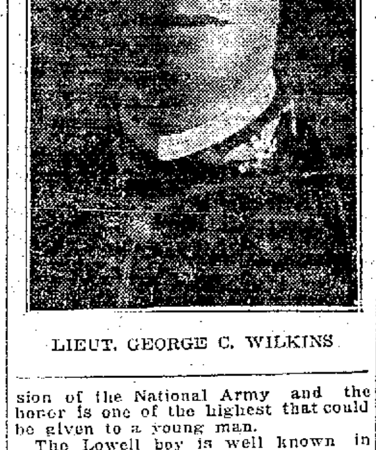
### TWO PRIESTS HAD NARROW ESCAPE WHEN FIRE DESTROYED RECTORY

TAUNTON, Dec. 31.—Rev. George Maguire and Rev. William Trainor, pastor and assistant pastor respectively of the Immaculate Conception church, had a narrow escape today from fire which destroyed the parish house here. Father Trainor jumped from a second story window and Father Maguire hung by his hands from the window ledge until rescued by firemen. The fire started in the basement and spread through the building. It was discovered by a mail carrier.

# MILITARY HONORS FOR LOWELL MAN

Lieut. George C. Wilkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Wilkins, of 16 Ware street, and formerly stationed at Camp Devens with the 301st Machine Gun battalion, left Lowell today for Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he will attend a machine gun school for the next few months.

Lieut. Wilkins has been chosen as the officer to represent the 76th division of the National Army and the honor is one of the highest that could be given to a young man.



LIEUT. GEORGE C. WILKINS

The Lowell boy is well known in this city especially in military circles. In high school he was colonel of the regiment and later he attended Harvard university and was a prominent member of the Reserve Officers' Training corps at the Cambridge institution.

Last summer he attended the Plattsburg training camp and was successful in obtaining a first lieutenant's commission. He was assigned to Camp Devens and has been very successful during his term of service at the Ayer cantonment.

Lieut. Wilkins will report in Oklahoma on Jan. 4th. The school will probably last two or three months.

### FUNERAL NOTICE

DAGGETT—The funeral of Mrs. May A. Daggett will take place Wednesday morning at 8.15 o'clock from her late home, 94 Twelfth street. Solemn high mass of requiem at St. Michael's church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery, in charge of Funeral Director James W. McKenna.

# WALTHAM MAN SHOT AND KILLED IN HOME

WALTHAM, Dec. 31—Guiseppe Rizzo, aged 26, who figured in a sensational shooting affray in the Italian colony here about three years ago, was shot and killed last evening in his tenement at 41A Calvary street. His alleged assailant, Vincenzo Mula, aged 25, who lived with his wife and child next door was arrested later by Patrolmen Rhodes and Cunningham, charged with murder. Two revolvers, one empty and the other fully loaded, were found on him.

# MINERS GET $150 FOR TWO WEEKS' WORK

MOUNT CARMEL, Penn., Dec. 31.—The new wage scale for anthracite mine workers authorized by Presidential proclamation has resulted in unprecedented production and the highest wages in the history of the hard coal region.

Miners yesterday received their first pay under the new scale and in many instances it ran as high as $150 for two weeks' work, while some were said to have earned more than $200 from Dec. 1 to Dec. 15. The average throughout the region was about $70. Laborers heretofore receiving from $18 to $28 for two weeks are now earning from $27 to $40.

Despite a labor shortage of from 25 to 35 percent, throughout the year, production in 1917 increased, it was said, from 12 to 18 percent, over 1916 and from 20 to 26 percent, over four years ago, when the collieries were worked on a nine-hour basis, instead of eight, and with a full quota of men.

### "VOLUNTEERS" LAND IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 31.—A Havas despatch dated "Somewhere in France" says that a "contingent of volunteers" has landed there.

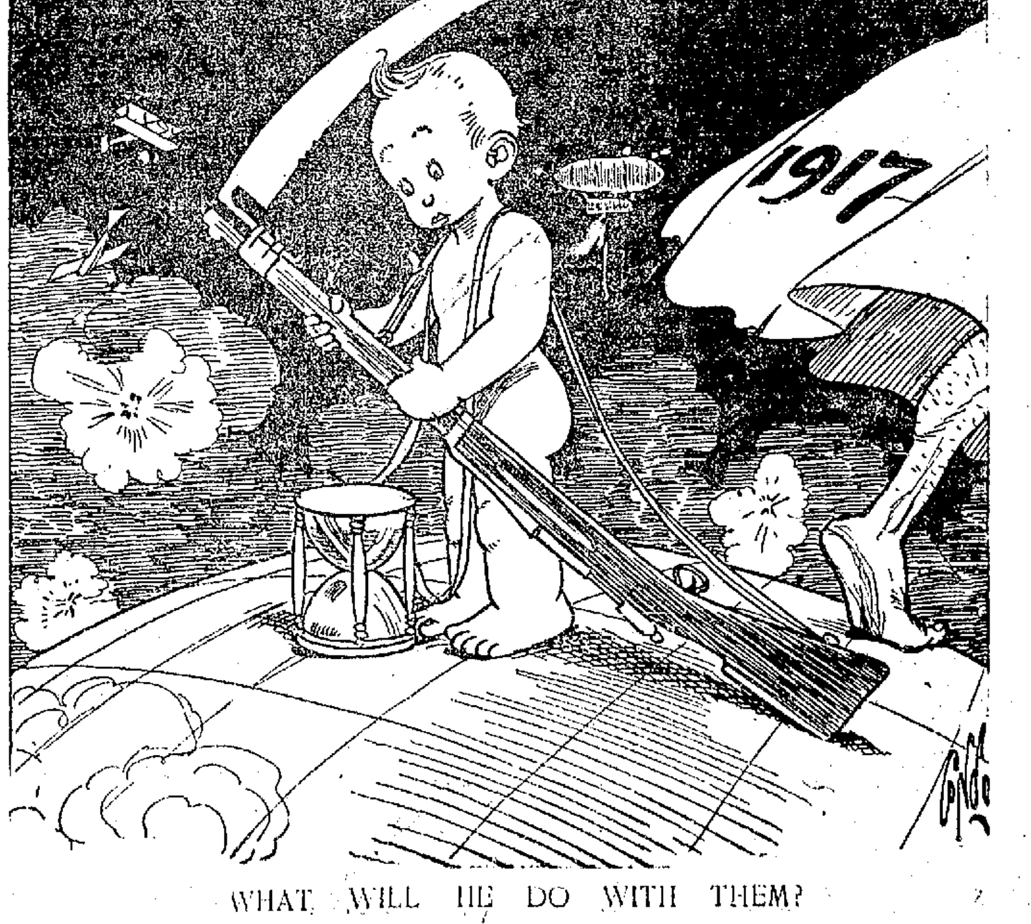
The volunteers were received by the general commanding the military district, the prefect, mayor and other civil and military authorities.

### 26 BELOW AT CARLISLE

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—The lowest temperature in the central Middlesex county section was 26 degrees below zero in Carlisle, early yesterday morning. In North Lexington and Bedford the glass registered 22 below zero. It was 18 below zero at Arlington Heights, 16 below in Lexington Centre, and in Concord and East Lexington it was 20 below the cipher mark. The Lexington firemen were called out in 10-below-zero weather yesterday morning, for a chimney fire caused by an overheated fireplace.

The temperature readings in Middlesex county yesterday morning follow:

Carlisle—26 below zero.
Bedford—22 below zero.
North Lexington—22 below zero.
East Lexington—20 below zero.
Lexington Centre—16 below zero.
Arlington Heights—18 below zero.
Arlington Centre—16 below zero.
Concord—20 below zero.




WHAT WILL HE DO WITH THEM?

# THE STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Equipments and allied specialties featured the firm opening of today's stock market, General Motors being most prominent at an advance of 5 1-2 points. Rails showed variable improvement over last week's final prices, but the movement in that quarter soon became irregular, New York Central, Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific yielding from large fractions to a point. Steel and coppers reacted moderately but hardened with the general list before the end of the first hour. Liberty bonds were steady.

Industrials, some of them in the war group and low priced specialties became more active and stronger later, following the demand for motors. U. S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel gained 1 to 1 1-2, American Can 1 3-4, Air Brake 3, Marine pfd. 2, coppers and Mexicans 1 3-4 to 2 1-2 and International Paper, Corn Products, Pittsburgh Coal, Ohio Gas and local utilities 1 to 2 1-2. Rails were overshadowed by the movement elsewhere but Pacifics made substantial improvement. Liberty 4s sold at 97.26 to 97.16 and 3 1-2s at 98.54 to 98.50.

Steels, coppers shippings and specialties continued to lead the broader trading of the afternoon at extreme gains of 1 to 3 points. In a few instances greater advances were made, Cuba-American Sugar, jumping 18 points.

Steels, shippings and equipment were almost buoyant in the active final hour. The closing was strong. Liberty 4s changed hands at 97.26 to 97.14 and the 3 1-2s at 98.56 to 98.50.

**Cotton Futures**

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Cotton futures opened firm. January, 30.61; March, 30.05 to 30.25; May, 29.85 to 29.95; July, 29.59; October, 28.56. Cotton futures closed barely steady. January, 30.30; March, 30.30; May, 29.90; July, 29.54; October, 28.58. Spot, quiet; middling, 31.75.

**New York Clearings**

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Exchanges, $468,374,396; balances, $49,578,970.

**Money Market**

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Mercantile paper 5 1-2@5 3-4. Sterling: Sixty day bills 4.71 1-4; commercial sixty day bills on banks 4.71; Commercial sixty day bills 4.70 1-2; demand 4.75 1-8; cables 4.76 7-16. Francs: Demand 5.73 3-4; cables 5.71 5-8. Guilders: Demand 43 1-4; cables 43 3-4. Lire: Demand 8.36; cables 8.34. Rubles: Demand 12 1-2; cables 13 1-4. Bar silver 86 7-8. Mexican dollars 69. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds strong.

Time loans firm: sixty days, ninety days and six months 5 3-4 bid.

Call money easier, high 5 1-2; low 4 1-2; ruling rate 5 1-2; closing bid 4 1-2; offered at 5; last loan 5.

**NEW YORK MARKET**

| Stocks | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| Allis Chalmers | 19 | 18½ | 18¾ |
| Am Beet Sugar | 71 | 68⅝ | 71 |
| Am Can | 39¼ | 37 | 38¼ |
| Am Can pfd | 90 | 89⅞ | 89⅞ |
| Am Car & Fn | 71 | 68⅞ | 69¾ |
| Am Car & Fn pf | 102 | 103 | 102 |
| Am Cot Oil | 27 | 26½ | 27 |
| Am Hides L Com | 12½ | 12 | 12⅜ |
| Am Hide & L pf | 49⅜ | 47¾ | 49⅜ |
| Am Locomo | 56¼ | 54¼ | 55½ |
| Am Smelt & R | 79 | 75⅝ | 79 |
| Am Smelt & R pf | 101½ | 101½ | 101½ |
| Am Sugar Rfn | 98½ | 97 | 98⅞ |
| Am. Sumatra | 62½ | 60⅝ | 62½ |
| Am Wool | 45¾ | 44 | 45 |
| Am Wool pf | 89¾ | 89¾ | 89¾ |
| Anaconda | 62 | 58⅝ | 61⅝ |
| Atchison | 85¾ | 84½ | 85¾ |
| Atchison pf | 85⅜ | 83½ | 84¼ |
| Atlantic Gulf | 99½ | 94⅞ | 97⅝ |
| Baldwin Loco | 59¼ | 57¾ | 58¼ |
| Balt & Ohio | 53⅜ | 51¾ | 53 |
| Balt & Ohio pf | 55¼ | 55 | 55¼ |
| Beth Steel A | 74½ | 74¼ | 74½ |
| Beth Steel B | 75⅜ | 72¾ | 75 |
| Br Rap Tran | 47⅜ | 43½ | 47¾ |
| Cal Pete | 14⅛ | 13¼ | 14⅛ |
| Cal Pete pf | 39¾ | 38¼ | 39¾ |
| Canadian Pa | 139½ | 137 | 138 |
| Cast I Pipe Com | 11⅛ | 11⅛ | 11⅞ |
| Cast I Pipe pf | 42 | 42 | 42 |
| Cent Leather | 64 | 61⅝ | 64 |
| Cent Leather pf | 102¼ | 102¼ | 102¼ |
| Ches & Ohio | 51⅞ | 51½ | 51½ |
| Chi & Gt W Com | 9 | 7⅝ | 8⅝ |
| Chi & Gt W pf | 24⅞ | 24¾ | 24¾ |
| Chic R I & Pac | 24 | 22¾ | 23 |
| Chile | 17 | 15¼ | 17 |
| Col Fuel | 36¾ | 36 | 36¾ |
| Consol Gas | 85½ | 82½ | 85½ |
| Corn Products | 31 | 29¼ | 31 |
| Corn Products pf | 91¼ | 91 | 91 |
| Crucible Steel | 54¼ | 51 | 53⅝ |
| Cuba-Cane Sugar | 28⅛ | 26½ | 27⅞ |
| Del & Hud | 108½ | 106½ | 107½ |
| Del L & W | 170 | 170 | 170 |
| Den & Rio G | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Del & Rio G pf | 14 | 12¼ | 14 |
| Dis Secur Co | 33¾ | 32⅝ | 33⅝ |
| Erie | 17⅜ | 16¾ | 17⅛ |
| Erie 1st pf | 28½ | 27⅞ | 28¼ |
| Erie 2d pf | 21⅛ | 20½ | 20½ |
| Gen Elec | 133⅞ | 127¾ | 133¾ |
| Gen Motors | 106 | 100¾ | 104½ |
| Goodrich | 38 | 37 | 38 |
| Gt North pf | 90½ | 89½ | 89⅞ |
| Gt N Ore ctf | 27½ | 26½ | 27 |
| Illinois Cen | 94¼ | 93 | 93 |
| Int Met Com | 8⅝ | 7⅝ | 8⅝ |
| Int Met Com pf | 45¾ | 44½ | 45¾ |
| Int Mer Marine | 23 | 20½ | 21½ |
| Int Mer Marine pf | 83¼ | 79¾ | 83¼ |
| Int Paper | 29½ | 25½ | 29 |
| Int Paper pf | 62¼ | 60 | 62¼ |
| Kennecott | 32¾ | 31⅛ | 32⅝ |
| Kan City So | 19⅛ | 18⅝ | 18⅝ |
| *Kan City So pf | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Kan & Texas | 6½ | 6⅛ | 6⅞ |
| Kan & Tex pf | 9 | 8⅝ | 9 |
| Lackawanna Steel | 77 | 75½ | 77 |
| Lehigh Valley | 57⅞ | 56⅝ | 56⅞ |
| Louis & Nash | 111½ | 111⅜ | 111⅝ |
| Maxwell | 26 | 24¾ | 25 |
| Maxwell 1st | 57½ | 55⅛ | 56¼ |
| Maxwell 2nd | 22½ | 21½ | 22½ |
| Mex Petroleum | 80¾ | 78¾ | 80½ |
| Missouri Pa | 25⅛ | 24¾ | 24⅝ |
| Nat Lead | 43½ | 42½ | 42½ |
| N Y Air Brake | 121 | 119 | 115 |
| N Y Central | 71¾ | 70½ | 71⅞ |
| Nor & West | 104⅞ | 104 | 104⅞ |
| North Pacific | 86⅜ | 85 | 86⅜ |
| *Ont & West | 21¼ | 21⅛ | 21¼ |
| Pacific Mail | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| Pennsylvania | 47⅜ | 47 | 47⅛ |
| People's Gas | 39½ | 37½ | 38 |
| Pitts Coal | 45 | 43¼ | 45 |
| Pressed Steel | 58¾ | 58¾ | 58¾ |
| Pullman Co | 114¾ | 112⅝ | 114¾ |
| Ry St Sp Co | 48⅛ | 47½ | 47½ |
| Reading | 73 | 72⅛ | 72⅛ |
| Rep Iron & S | 79¼ | 77¼ | 79⅛ |
| Rep I & S pf | 98¼ | 98 | 98¼ |
| St Paul | 47½ | 46⅜ | 46⅞ |
| Sloss-Sheffield | 40 | 39 | 40 |
| So Pacific | 84½ | 83½ | 83½ |
| Southern Ry | 24⅜ | 24 | 24⅛ |
| Southern Ry pf | 59⅛ | 58½ | 58½ |
| Studebaker | 50½ | 48¾ | 49½ |
| Tenn Copper | 13⅞ | 11¾ | 12¾ |
| Texas Pac | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| Third Ave | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| Union Pacific | 115 | 113⅝ | 115 |
| Union Pac pf | 69⅜ | 69¼ | 69⅜ |
| U S Ind Alcohol | 118 | 116 | 116¼ |
| U S Rub | 55¼ | 50 | 52½ |
| U S Rub pf | 95 | 95 | 95 |
| U S Steel | 91 | 88 | 90⅞ |
| U S Steel pf | 108¼ | 105 | 108 |
| U S Steel 5s | 98 | 97½ | 97½ |
| Utah Copper | 82¼ | 78¼ | 81¾ |
| Va Chem | 35 | 33¾ | 34 |
| Wabash A | 44¾ | 41 | 44⅛ |
| Wabash B | 22½ | 22⅝ | 22⅝ |
| Willys Overland | 21 | 20⅛ | 20½ |
| Wis Cen | 39 | 39 | 39 |
| Westinghouse | 40⅞ | 39⅝ | 40⅝ |
| Western Un | 85 | 83 | 85 |

*—Ex-Div.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Copper Range with a gain of 1 1-2 was the strong feature among local copper shares today. Several other mining issues were fractionally higher at noon.

**BOSTON MARKET**

**RAILROADS**

| Stocks | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Boston & Albany | 125 | 135 | 125 |
| Boston Elevated | 39 | 36 | 35 |
| Bos & Maine | 24 | 22½ | 21 |
| Fitchburg pf | 51 | 51 | 51 |
| N Y & N H | 32⅝ | 31¼ | 32¾ |

**MINING**

| Stocks | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adventure | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Ahmeek | 77 | 77 | 77 |
| Alaska Gold | 1¾ | 1⅝ | 1¾ |
| Algomah | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Allouez | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| American zinc | 14 | 12¾ | 14 |
| Arcadian | 1⅞ | 1⅞ | 1⅞ |

| Stocks | High | Low |
|---|---|---|
| Ari Com | 11½ | [illegible] |
| Butte & Superior | 16¾ | 1[illegible] |
| Cal & Ariz | 65 | [illegible] |
| Cal & Hecla | 20 | [illegible] |
| Chino | 42¾ | 4[illegible] |
| Copper Range | 47 | |
| Daly-West | 2 | |
| Davis Daly | 5 | |
| E. Butte | 9¾ | |
| Franklin | 4¾ | 4 |
| Granby | 78 | 76 |
| Greene-Cananea | 38 | 38 |
| Hancock | 9½ | 9 |
| Indiana | 90 | 90 |
| Inspiration | 47 | 43 |
| Isle Royale | 26 | 24 |
| Kerr Lake | 5½ | 5 |
| Lake | 7 | 6 |
| La Salle | 2 | 2 |
| Mass | 6¼ | 6 |
| Mayflower | 1⅛ | 1 |
| Miami | 29½ | 28 |
| Michigan | 1 | 1 |
| Mohawk | 64½ | 63 |
| Nevada | 18⅝ | 18 |
| New Idria | 13¼ | 13 |
| Nipissing | 8⅞ | 8 |
| North Butte | 14¾ | 13 |
| No. Lake | 60 | 60 |
| Old Dominion | 43¼ | 42 |
| Osceola | 59¼ | 59 |
| Quincy | 69½ | 69½ |
| Ray Con | 23¼ | 22¼ |
| Santa Fe | 60 | 60 |
| Shannon | 5¾ | 5¾ |
| St. Mary | 55 | 52½ |
| Shattuck Ariz | 16½ | 16 |
| Superior | 4¾ | 4½ |
| Superior & Boston | 3¼ | 3½ |
| Trinity | 3¾ | 3¾ |
| Tuolumne | 1 | 1 |
| U S Smelting | 45½ | 43½ |
| U S Smelting pf | 45 | 45 |
| Utah-Apex | 2⅛ | 2 |
| Utah Cons | 10½ | 10½ |
| Utah Metal | 2⅜ | 2¼ |
| Wolverine | 34 | 33 |
| **TELEPHONE** | | |
| *Am Tel & Tel | 103¼ | 102¼ |
| New Eng Tel | 97 | 97 |
| **MISCELLANEOUS** | | |
| Am Ag Chem Com | 78⅛ | 77½ |
| Am Ag Chem pf | 89 | 89 |
| Am Pneu | 1 | 1 |
| Am Pneu pf | 8 | 8 |
| Am Woolen | 45¼ | 44 |
| Am Woolen pf | 90 | 89 |
| *Island Creek Coal | 52½ | 52½ |
| Mass Elec | 2 | 2 |
| Mass Elec pfd | 11 | 11 |
| Mass Gas | 80 | 79⅞ |
| Mass Gas pf | 63½ | 63½ |
| Pond Creek | 17½ | 17½ |
| Swift & Co | 125 | 123 |
| United Fruit | 119½ | 116 |
| United Sh M | 41½ | 41 |
| United Sh M pf | 25 | 25 |
| Ventura | 5 | 4⅞ |
| **BONDS** | | |
| Am Tel & T 4s | 86⅜ | 86⅝ |

*—Ex-Div.

# HEAD OF GAS COMPA[NY] GIVES COAL TO STA[RVING]

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Sufficient [coal to] heat several churches and school[s] in which people might take [refuge] from the cold, was offered the fuel administrator today by Ja[mes] Richards, president of the Mas[sachu]setts Gas companies and imme[diately] accepted. Mr. Richards order[ed the] fuel distributed at points desi[gnated] by the Boston fuel committee a[nd ex]pected to deliver 50 tons before [...]

The fuel administration has [order]ed coal dealers to keep their [yards] open tomorrow, which is a holid[ay, for] the sale of coal in fifty and on[e hun]dred pound lots.

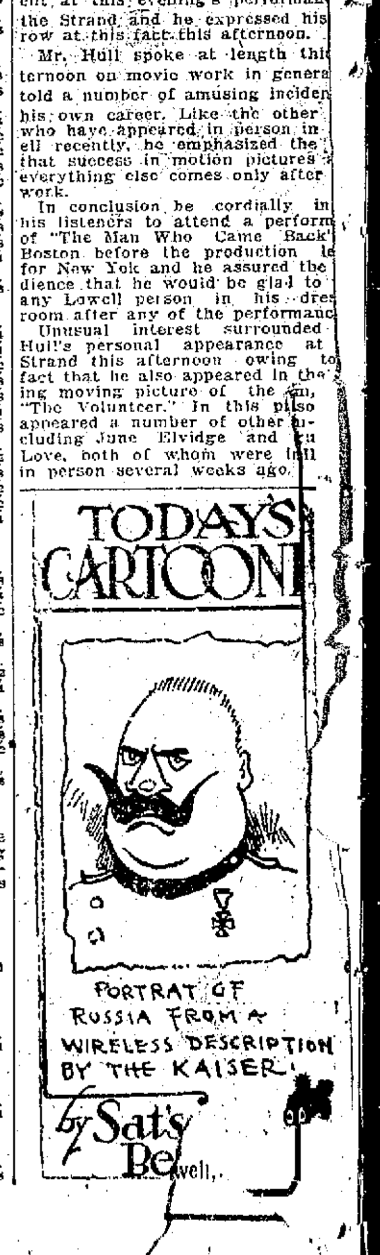
# EXPLOSION WRECKS [FALL] RIVER MILL

FALL RIVER, Dec. 31.—An [explo]sion in a steel, steam kier earl[y this] morning demolished sections o[f the] bleach house and braid room [of the] Estes mills, entailing a loss of [...] $30,000. Officials of the corpo[ration] suspect that an infernal machi[ne or] high explosive was placed in t[he kier] ton before it went into the kie[r, the] top of which went through two [floors] and roof of the plant. The co[ncern] has been employed largely in [manu]facturing absorbent cotton, rope mops for the government since [war] was declared.

### STAR OF THE WORLD FILM [COR]PORATION VISITED THE STRAND THEATRE

Henry Hull, one of the most [promi]nent stars of the World Film [corpo]ration, was in Lowell this afte[rnoon] and appeared in person at the S[trand] theatre. Owing to the fact tha[t Mr.] Hull must appear in Boston toni[ght at] the Wilbur theatre in the legit[imate] production, "The Man Who [Came] Back," he will be unable to be [pres]ent at this evening's performan[ce at] the Strand and he expressed his [sor]row at this fact this afternoon.

Mr. Hull spoke at length thi[s af]ternoon on movie work in genera[l and] told a number of amusing inciden[ts of] his own career. Like the other[s] who have appeared in person in [Low]ell recently, he emphasized the [fact] that success in motion pictures [and] everything else comes only after work.

In conclusion he cordially in[vited] his listeners to attend a perform[ance] of "The Man Who Came Back" [in] Boston before the production le[aves] for New Yok and he assured the [au]dience that he would be glad to [see] any Lowell person in his dres[sing] room after any of the performanc[es].

Unusual interest surrounded [Mr.] Hull's personal appearance at [the] Strand this afternoon owing to [the] fact that he also appeared in the [star]ing moving picture of the [film], "The Volunteer." In this [film] appeared a number of other [stars, in]cluding June Elvidge and [...] Love, both of whom were [in Lowe]ll in person several weeks ago.